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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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PRICING ANTITRUST LITIGATION

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CLASS ACTION
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**INDIRECT RESELLER PLAINTIFFS'
AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

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I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action on behalf of pharmacies (“Indirect Reseller Plaintiffs,” “independent pharmacies,” or “Plaintiffs”) for injunctive relief and to recoup overcharges that resulted from an unlawful agreement among Defendants to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix, raise and/or stabilize the prices of the generic drug Ursodiol.¹

2. Ursodiol, or ursodeoxycholic acid, is a naturally occurring bile acid found in small quantities in normal human bile and in larger quantities in certain species of bears. It is commonly prescribed to dissolve gallbladder stones and for the prevention of gallstone formation in obese patients experiencing rapid weight loss. The brand-name version of the drug, Actigall®, has been on the market for almost 30 years. Generic Ursodiol has been available since at least 2000.

3. For years, competition among sellers of generic Ursodiol kept prices stable, at low levels. But starting in May 2014, Defendants, who dominate the market for Ursodiol, abruptly and inexplicably raised prices. The price increases were extreme and unprecedented, and by September 2014, prices had increased by more than 1500%. Ursodiol prices remain at elevated levels today.

4. The price increases imposed by Defendant manufacturers of generic Ursodiol cannot be explained by supply shortages or any other market feature or shock. Nor were they the result of unilateral business decisions. Instead, the significant increases in the prices of Ursodiol were the result of an illegal agreement among Defendants to fix prices.

¹ As used in this Complaint, the capitalized term “Ursodiol” includes generic Ursodiol in its 300 mg capsule formulation. Generic Ursodiol is also available in 250 mg and 500 mg strength tablets. The tablet formulations of Ursodiol are not the subject of this Complaint, although they are discussed below for the limited purpose of comparing tablet and capsule pricing.

5. Defendants' unlawful and anticompetitive conduct in the Ursodiol market is part of a larger conspiracy or series of conspiracies involving numerous generic pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical manufacturers.

6. As alleged below, Defendants arranged their conspiracy partly through in-person meetings at trade association events, which allowed them to actively conceal their agreements from paper or electronic records.

7. Extreme and unprecedented price increases in the generic drug industry—like those imposed by manufacturers of Ursodiol—have prompted close scrutiny of the industry by the U.S. Congress, federal and state enforcement agencies, and private litigants.

8. An ongoing criminal investigation by the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) has, to date, resulted in price-fixing guilty pleas from two senior executives at Heritage Pharmaceuticals, Inc. relating to the sale of the generic drugs doxycycline hydiate and glyburide. But DOJ has made clear that its “investigation is ongoing”² and the evidence uncovered during the course of its investigation into those drugs also “implicates...a significant number of the Defendants...[and] a significant number of the drugs at issue” in this Multidistrict Litigation.³ The DOJ has continued to intervene to stay discovery in this MDL as its investigation continues.

9. The Attorney General for the State of Connecticut (“Connecticut AG”), whose office has been pursuing an investigation of antitrust violations in the generic drug industry, confirms that there is “compelling evidence of collusion and anticompetitive conduct across many

² DOJ, Division Update Spring 2017 (Mar. 28, 2017), *available at* <https://www.justice.gov/atr/division-operations/division-update-spring-2017/division-secures-individual-and-corporate-guilty-pleas-collusion-industries-where-products>.

³ Intervenor United States’ Motion to Stay Discovery at 1-2 (May 1, 2017) (ECF No. 279).

companies that manufacture and market generic drugs in the United States . . . [and] evidence of widespread participation in illegal conspiracies across the generic drug industry.”⁴

10. Manufacturers of generic Ursodiol are implicated in these ongoing investigations; at least two of the Defendants named here, Actavis and Lannett (defined below), have received subpoenas as part of the generic drug price-fixing investigations.⁵ Plaintiffs have paid many millions of dollars more than they would have in a competitive market for generic Ursodiol.

11. Plaintiffs bring this action against Defendants on account of their past and ongoing violations of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1, 3) and the state laws set forth below. Plaintiffs bring this action both individually and on behalf of (a) a national injunctive class of all privately held pharmacies in the United States and its territories that indirectly purchased generic Ursodiol products manufactured by any Defendant, from May 1, 2014 to the present (“Class Period”), and (b) a damages class of all privately-held pharmacies in certain states that indirectly purchased generic Ursodiol products manufactured by any Defendant, from May 1, 2014 to the present.

II. ONGOING FEDERAL AND STATE INVESTIGATIONS

12. Now in its third year, the federal criminal investigation into generic drug price-fixing has begun to bear fruit. On December 12 and 13, 2016, DOJ filed criminal charges against former Heritage executives Jeffrey Glazer (CEO) and Jason Malek (President). The government

⁴ Connecticut AG, Press Release (Dec. 15, 2016) *available at* <http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?Q=588538&A=2341>.

⁵ Plaintiffs learned of the subpoenas to Actavis and Lannett because they are (or are owned by) publicly-traded companies with reporting obligations under federal securities law. The third defendant, Epic (also defined below), is a privately-held company. Accordingly, Plaintiffs do not at this time know whether Epic or any of its current or former employees have also received subpoenas from the DOJ or Connecticut AG.

alleged that they conspired with others “to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix and maintain prices” of glyburide and doxycycline hyolate in violation of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).⁶

13. On January 9, 2017, Glazer and Malek pleaded guilty to those charges.⁷ Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brent Snyder of the Justice Department’s Antitrust Division explained: “These charges are an important step in correcting that injustice and in ensuring that generic pharmaceutical companies compete vigorously to provide these essential products at a price set by the market, not by collusion.”⁸ As they await sentencing, Glazer and Malek are cooperating with DOJ’s continuing investigation. More criminal charges and guilty pleas are expected to follow.⁹

14. Although initial public disclosures suggested that the federal and state investigations were focused on one or two drugs, it is now clear that both investigations are much, much broader. The investigations reportedly cover two dozen drugs and more than a dozen

⁶ Information ¶ 6, *United States v. Glazer*, No. 2:16-cr-00506-RBS (E.D. Pa. Dec. 12, 2016) (ECF No. 1); Information ¶ 6, *United States v. Malek*, No. 2:16-cr-00508-RBS (E.D. Pa. Dec. 13, 2016) (ECF No. 1).

⁷ See Tr. of Plea Hearing, *United States v. Glazer*, No. 2:16-cr-00506-RBS (E.D. Pa. Jan. 9, 2017) (ECF No. 24); see also Tr. of Plea Hearing, *United States v. Malek*, No. 2:16-cr-00508-RBS (E.D. Pa. Jan. 9, 2017) (ECF No. 24).

⁸ DOJ Press Release (Dec. 14, 2016) available at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-top-generic-pharmaceutical-executives-charged-price-fixing-bid-rigging-and-customer>.

⁹ See, e.g., Eric Kroh, “Generic Drug Price-Fixing Suits Just Tip Of The Iceberg,” Law360 (Jan. 6, 2017) (“Once somebody starts cooperating, it leads to many more indictments.”), available at <https://www.law360.com/articles/877707/generic-drug-price-fixing-suits-just-tip-of-the-iceberg>.

manufacturers.¹⁰ Press reports indicate that “[t]he Department of Justice (DoJ) believes price-fixing between makers of generic pharmaceuticals is widespread.”¹¹

15. According to one report, prosecutors see the investigation of the generic drug industry much like DOJ’s antitrust probe of the auto parts industry, which has morphed into DOJ’s largest criminal antitrust probe ever. *See In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litig.*, No. 2:12-md-02311 (E.D. Mich.). As in that case, prosecutors expect “to move from one drug to another in a similar cascading fashion.”¹²

16. DOJ and a federal grand jury empaneled in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania have focused on at least sixteen generic drug manufacturers as part of the growing investigation, including two of the Defendants here, Actavis Holdco U.S., Inc. (“Actavis”), and Lannett Company, Inc. (“Lannett”), as well as: Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc. (“Aurobindo”); Citron Pharma LLC (“Citron”); Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories, Inc. (“Dr. Reddy’s”); Heritage Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Heritage”); Impax Laboratories, Inc. (“Impax”); Mayne Pharma, Inc. (“Mayne”); Mylan Inc. (“Mylan”); Par Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Par”); Perrigo New York, Inc. (“Perrigo”); Sandoz, Inc. (“Sandoz”); Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. (“Sun”); Taro Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Taro”); Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Teva”); and Zydus Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Zydus”).

¹⁰ David McLaughlin & Caroline Chen, “U.S. Charges in Generic-Drug Probe to Be Filed by Year-End,” Bloomberg (Nov. 3, 2016) *available at* <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-03/u-s-charges-in-generic-drug-probe-said-to-be-filed-by-year-end>.

¹¹ PaRR Report, “DoJ Believes Collusion over Generic Drug Prices Widespread” (June 26, 2015) (“PaRR Report”), *available at* <http://www.mergermarket.com/pdf/DoJ-Collusion-Generic-Drug-Prices-2015.pdf>.

¹² *Id.*

17. The fact that these companies and/or their employees received subpoenas from a federal grand jury is significant. DOJ does not empanel grand juries lightly. The *Antitrust Division Manual* admonishes that “staff should consider carefully the likelihood that, if a grand jury investigation developed evidence confirming the alleged anticompetitive conduct, the Division would proceed with a criminal prosecution.” Accordingly, before a grand jury investigation proceeds, it requires a series of approvals, first by the relevant field chief, who then sends the request to the Antitrust Criminal Enforcement Division. “The DAAG [Deputy Assistant Attorney General] for Operations, the Criminal DAAG, and the Director of Criminal Enforcement will make a recommendation to the Assistant Attorney General[,]” who must give final approval and authorize all attorneys who will participate in the investigation.¹³

18. As Mark Rosman, former assistant chief of the National Criminal Enforcement Section of DOJ’s Antitrust Division, noted in an article on the “unusual” nature of the criminal subpoenas, “A DOJ investigation into the alleged exchange of pricing information in the pharmaceutical industry likely indicates that the agency anticipates uncovering criminal antitrust conduct in the form of price-fixing or customer allocation.”¹⁴

19. Another significant indication of criminal price-fixing in the generic drug industry is that DOJ has received assistance from a privately-held company that came forward as a leniency applicant: “It is understood that Heritage is cooperating with prosecutors in exchange for amnesty from criminal prosecution under DOJ’s leniency program[.]”¹⁵ As explained on DOJ’s website, an

¹³ DOJ, Antitrust Division Manual (5th ed. 2015) at Chapter III-81 to 83, *available at* <http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/divisionmanual/chapter3.pdf>.

¹⁴ Mark Rosman & Seth Silber, “DOJ’s Investigation Into Generic Pharma Pricing Is Unusual,” Law360 (Nov. 12, 2014), *available at* <https://www.wsgr.com/publications/PDFSearch/rosman-1114.pdf>.

¹⁵ Richard Vanderford, “Generic Pharma Investigation Still Broad, Prosecutor Says,” mLex (Feb. 21, 2017).

applicant for amnesty “must admit its participation in a criminal antitrust violation involving price fixing, bid rigging, capacity restriction, or allocation of markets, customers, or sales or production volumes, before it will receive a conditional leniency letter.” The applicant must also establish that “[t]he confession of wrongdoing is truly a corporate act, as opposed to isolated confessions of individual executives or officials.”¹⁶

20. In addition to the federal criminal investigation, after years of investigation and on the basis of millions of documents as well as witness testimony, the Attorneys General of at least forty-seven States have filed a complaint in this MDL alleging an overarching conspiracy among generic drug manufacturers to fix prices and allocate customers. The States have made clear that they have “uncovered wide-ranging conduct implicating numerous different drugs and competitors”¹⁷ and have stated in open court that complaints involving additional drugs and manufacturers will be filed in 2019.

21. The publicly available version of the State AG Complaint is heavily redacted. Among the obscured portions are the contents of conspiratorial communications, which the Connecticut AG has described as “mind-boggling.”¹⁸ The State AG Complaint explains that the generic drug industry is structured in a way that facilitates these types of collusive communications. “Generic drug manufacturers operate, through their respective senior leadership and marketing and sales executives, in a manner that fosters and promotes routine and direct interaction among their competitors.” This affords them opportunities to “exploit their interactions

¹⁶ DOJ, *Frequently Asked Questions about the Antitrust Division’s Leniency Program* (updated Jan. 26, 2017), available at <https://www.justice.gov/atr/page/file/926521/download>.

¹⁷ *State of Connecticut v. Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc.*, No. 3:16-cv-2056 (VLB) (D. Conn.) (Doc. 168 at ¶ 9) (State AG Amended Complaint).

¹⁸ Mark Pazniokus, “How a small-state AG’s office plays in the big leagues,” CT Mirror (Jan. 27, 2017), available at <http://ctmirror.org/2017/01/27/how-a-small-state-ag-s-office-plays-in-the-big-leagues/>.

at various and frequent industry trade shows, customer conferences and other similar events, to develop relationships and sow the seeds for their illegal agreements.”¹⁹

22. Indeed, the State AG Amended Complaint details the “Cozy Nature of the Industry and Opportunities for Collusion,” including:

- “[H]igh-level executives of many generic drug manufacturers get together periodically for what at least some of them refer to as ‘industry dinners.’ For example, in January 2014, at a time when the prices of a number of generic drugs were reportedly soaring, at least thirteen (13) high-ranking male executives, including CEOs, Presidents and Senior Vice Presidents of various generic drug manufacturers, met at a steakhouse in Bridgewater, New Jersey.”²⁰
- “Female generic pharmaceutical sales representatives also get together regularly for what they refer to as a ‘Girls Night Out’ (‘GNO’), or alternatively ‘Women in the Industry’ meetings and dinners. During these GNOs, meetings and dinners, these representatives meet with their competitors and discuss competitively sensitive information.”²¹
- The “conferences and trade shows” hosted by GPhA, [REDACTED] NACDS, and [REDACTED] among others, include “organized recreational and social events, such as golf outings, lunches, cocktail parties, dinners, and other scheduled activities that provide further opportunity to meet with competitors outside of the traditional business setting. Of particular importance here, generic drug manufacturer representatives who attend these functions . . . use these opportunities to discuss and share upcoming bids, specific generic drug markets, pricing strategies and pricing terms in their contracts with customers, among other competitively sensitive information.”²²

23. The informations and guilty pleas relating to Glazer and Malek, the grand jury subpoenas, and evidence divulged in the State AG Complaint are merely the tip of the iceberg.

¹⁹ State AG Amended Complaint ¶ 7.

²⁰ *Id.* at ¶ 55.

²¹ *Id.* at ¶ 57.

²² *Id.* at ¶ 51.

The government investigations have uncovered the existence of “a broad, well-coordinated and long-running series of schemes to fix the prices and allocate markets for a number of generic pharmaceuticals in the United States.”²³

III. THE ROLE OF INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES

24. There are approximately 22,000 privately-owned independent pharmacies in the United States, as contrasted with chain drug stores such as CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid, and mass merchandiser or supermarket drug stores such as Wal-Mart, Target and Kroger. Over a billion prescriptions for U.S. patients are dispensed through independent pharmacies each year.

25. The overcharges resulting from Defendants’ conduct are directly traceable through the pharmaceutical distribution chain to independent pharmacies. Independent pharmacies rarely purchase generic drugs directly from the manufacturer, and instead acquire drugs almost exclusively from drug wholesalers such as McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., or AmerisourceBergen Corp. As one would expect, the wholesaler’s price includes a percentage markup over the manufacturer’s price. Independent pharmacies, lacking the sales volume heft and wholesaler relationships enjoyed by their much larger competitors, have no meaningful ability to negotiate these acquisition costs. They must pay the price the wholesaler charges. As a result, when drug manufacturers collude to allocate customers or raise the prices of generic drugs, independent pharmacies end up paying illegally inflated prices for those drugs.

IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

26. Plaintiffs bring Count One of this action under Section 16 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. § 26) for injunctive relief and costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, against

²³ *Id.* at ¶ 1.

Defendants for the injuries sustained by Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes described herein by reason of the violations of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1, 3).

27. This action is also instituted under the antitrust, consumer protection, and common laws of various states and territories for damages and equitable relief, as described in Counts Two through Four below.

28. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332(d), and 1337 and by Section 16 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. § 26). The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over state-law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.

29. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 15(a) and 22 and 28 U.S.C §§ 1391(b), (c) and (d); and 1407 and MDL Order dated April 6, 2017 (ECF No. 291), and because, during the Class Period, Defendants resided, transacted business, were found, or had agents in this District, and a substantial portion of the affected interstate trade and commerce described below has been carried out in this District. Venue is also proper in this District because the federal grand jury investigating the pricing of generic drugs is empaneled here and therefore it is likely that acts in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy took place here. According to DOJ guidelines, an “investigation should be conducted by a grand jury in a judicial district where venue lies for the offense, such as a district from or to which price-fixed sales were made or where conspiratorial communications occurred.”²⁴

30. This Court has personal jurisdiction over each Defendant because, *inter alia*, each Defendant: (a) transacted business throughout the United States, including in this District; (b) sold Ursodiol throughout the United States, including in this District; (c) had substantial contacts with the United States, including in this District; (d) was engaged in an illegal scheme

²⁴ DOJ, Antitrust Division Manual at III-83.

and nationwide price-fixing conspiracy that was directed at, had the intended effect of causing injury to, and did cause injury to persons residing in, located in, or doing business throughout the United States, including in this District; and/or (e) took overt action in furtherance of the conspiracy in this District or conspired with someone who did, and by doing so could reasonably have expected to be sued in this District. In addition, nationwide personal jurisdiction was authorized by Congress pursuant to the Clayton Act and by 28 U.S.C. § 1407.

V. PARTIES

A. Plaintiffs

31. Plaintiff West Val Pharmacy (“West Val”) is a privately held independent pharmacy that has been in business since 1959 and is currently located at 5353 Balboa Boulevard in Encino, California. West Val Pharmacy indirectly purchased and continues to purchase Defendants’ generic Ursodiol products at supracompetitive prices during the Class Period, and was thereby injured and suffered damages as a result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct.

32. Plaintiff Halliday’s & Koivisto’s Pharmacy (“Halliday’s”) is an independent pharmacy located at 4133 University Boulevard in Jacksonville, Florida. Halliday’s has served the Jacksonville community for over 50 years. Halliday’s indirectly purchased and continues to purchase Defendants’ generic Ursodiol products at supracompetitive prices during the Class Period, and was thereby injured and suffered damages as a result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct.

33. Plaintiff Falconer Pharmacy, Inc. (“Falconer”) is a privately held independent pharmacy located in Falconer, New York. Falconer Pharmacy indirectly purchased and continues to purchase Defendants’ generic Ursodiol products at supracompetitive prices during the Class Period, and was thereby injured and suffered damages as a result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct.

34. Plaintiff Chet Johnson Drug, Inc. (“Chet Johnson”) is a privately held independent pharmacy in Amery, Wisconsin. Chet Johnson indirectly purchased and continues to purchase Defendants’ generic Ursodiol products at supracompetitive prices during the Class Period, and was thereby injured and suffered damages as a result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct.

B. Defendants

35. Defendant Actavis Holdco U.S., Inc. (“Actavis”) is a Delaware corporation with its U.S. headquarters in Parsippany, New Jersey. On October 31, 2012, Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc., which had been marketing generic Ursodiol for years, completed the acquisition of Actavis Group. At the close of trading on January 23, 2013, Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc. changed its corporate name to Actavis, Inc. Throughout that time and continuing through the end of the Class Period, Ursodiol marketed by Actavis Pharma continued to say “WATSON” on the capsules. During the Class Period, Actavis sold Ursodiol to purchasers in this District and throughout the United States.

36. Defendant Lannett Company, Inc. (“Lannett”) is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the Class Period, Lannett sold Ursodiol to purchasers in this District and throughout the United States.

37. Defendant Epic Pharma, LLC (“Epic”) is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Laurelton, New York. During the Class Period, Epic sold Ursodiol to purchasers in this District and throughout the United States.

C. Co-conspirators

38. Various other persons, firms, corporations and entities have participated as co-conspirators with Defendants in the violations and conspiracy alleged herein, although their identities are as yet unknown to Plaintiffs. In order to engage in the violations alleged herein, these

co-conspirators have performed acts and made statements in furtherance of the antitrust violations and conspiracies alleged herein. Plaintiffs may amend this Complaint to allege the names of additional co-conspirators as they are discovered.

VI. INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE TRADE AND COMMERCE

39. During the Class Period, Defendants sold and distributed generic Ursodiol in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate commerce to customers throughout the United States, including in this District.

40. Defendants' anticompetitive conduct occurred in part in trade and commerce within the states and territories set forth herein, and also had substantial intrastate effects in that, *inter alia*, drug wholesalers within each state and territory were foreclosed from offering less expensive generic Ursodiol to Plaintiffs inside each respective state and territory. The foreclosure of these less expensive generic products directly impacted and disrupted commerce for Plaintiffs within each state and territory and forced Plaintiffs to pay supracompetitive prices.

VII. BACKGROUND ON THE GENERIC DRUG INDUSTRY

A. Generic drugs are commodity products that compete on price

41. Approximately 88% of all pharmaceutical prescriptions in the United States are filled with a generic drug.²⁵ In 2015, generic drug sales in the United States were estimated at \$74.5 billion.²⁶

²⁵ GPhA, *Generic Drug Savings in the U.S.* (2015) ("GPhA Report") at 1, available at http://www.gphaonline.org/media/wysiwyg/PDF/GPhA_Savings_Report_2015.pdf.

²⁶ Connecticut AG, Press Release (Dec. 15, 2016), available at <http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?Q=588538&A=2341>.

42. According to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (“FDA”), a generic drug is “the same as a brand name drug in dosage, safety, strength, how it is taken, quality, performance, and intended use.”²⁷ Once the FDA approves a generic drug as “therapeutically equivalent” to a brand name drug, the generic version “can be expected to have equal effect and no difference when substituted for the brand name product.”²⁸

43. In a competitive market, generic drugs cost substantially less than brand name drugs. The U.S. Congressional Budget Office (“CBO”) estimates that, “[o]n average, the retail price of a generic drug is 75 percent lower than the retail price of a brand-name drug.”²⁹ And that may be conservative. According to a Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) study, in a “mature generic market, generic prices are, on average, 85% lower than the pre-entry branded drug price.”³⁰ Mature generic markets—like that of Ursodiol—typically have several manufacturers that compete for sales, hence keeping prices in check.

44. Generic drug price competition provides enormous savings to consumers, pharmacies, and other drug purchasers, as well as to private health insurers, health and welfare funds, and state Medicaid programs. Indeed, one study found that the use of generic medicines saved the United States healthcare system \$254 billion in 2014 alone, and \$1.68 trillion between 2005 and 2014.³¹

²⁷ FDA Website, *available at* <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ucm079436.htm#G>.

²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ CBO, *Effects of Using Generic Drugs on Medicare’s Prescription Drug Spending* (Sep. 15, 2010), *available at* <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/21800>.

³⁰ FTC, *Pay-For-Delay: How Drug Company Pay-offs Cost Consumers Billions* (Jan. 2010), *available at* <http://www.ftc.gov/os/2010/01/100112payfordelayrpt.pdf>.

³¹ GPhA Report at 1.

45. The significant cost savings provided by generic drugs motivated Congress to enact the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, more commonly known as the “Hatch-Waxman Act” (Pub. L. No. 98-417, 98 Stat. 1585). The Act streamlines the regulatory hurdles that generic drug manufacturers have to clear prior to marketing and selling generic drugs. Generic drug manufacturers may obtain FDA approval in an expedited fashion through the filing of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) that establishes that its product is bioequivalent to the brand name counterpart.

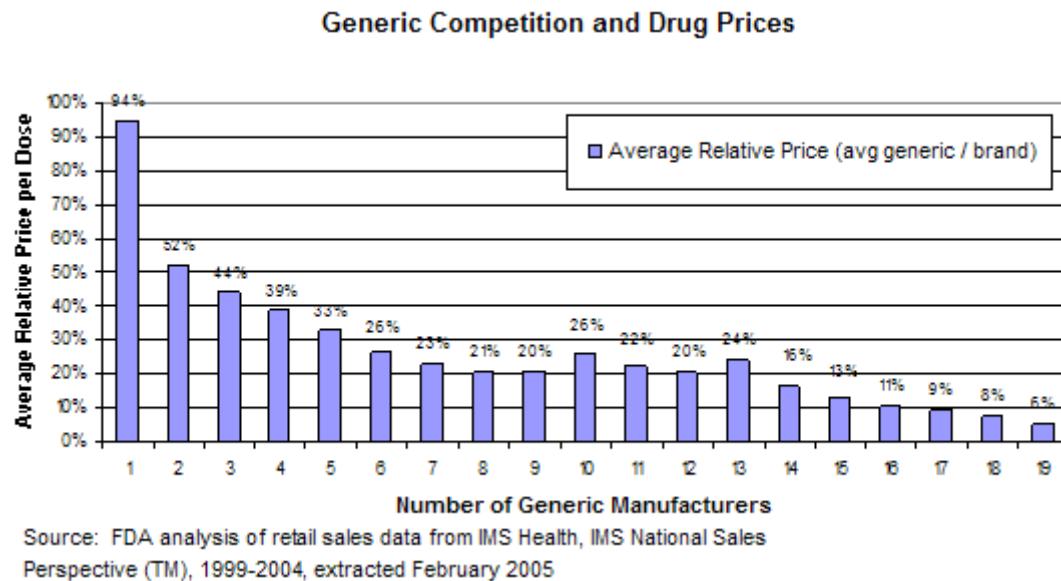
46. Since passage of the Hatch-Waxman Act, every state has adopted substitution laws requiring or permitting pharmacies to substitute generic drug equivalents for brand name drug prescriptions (unless the prescribing physician specifically orders otherwise by writing “dispense as written” or similar language on the prescription).

47. Because each generic is readily substitutable for another generic of the same brand name drug, pricing is the main differentiating feature. As recognized by the FTC, “generic drugs are commodity products” and, as a consequence of that, are marketed “primarily on the basis of price.”³² In a competitive market, generic manufacturers cannot significantly increase prices (or maintain high prices in the face of a competitor’s lower price) without losing a significant volume of sales.

48. It is well-established that competition among generic manufacturers drives down price. Before generic drugs enter a market, the brand name drug has a monopoly and captures 100% of sales. When lower-priced generics become available, the brand name drug quickly loses market share as purchasers switch to the cheaper alternatives. Over time, the price of a generic

³² FTC, *Authorized Generic Drugs: Short-Term Effects and Long-Term Impact* (Aug. 2011), available at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/2011/08/2011genericdrugreport.pdf>.

drug approaches the manufacturers' marginal costs. As illustrated in the following chart, the price of a generic drug tends to decrease as more generic drug manufacturers enter the market:



49. When new entrants join a competitive generic market, they typically will price their product below the prevailing market price in order to gain market share. A recent government report confirmed this phenomenon in interviews with generic manufacturers: “[M]anufacturers said that if a company is bringing a generic drug into an established drug market, it typically offers a price that is lower than the current market price in order to build its customer base. Manufacturers also said that as each new manufacturer enters an established generic drug market the price of that generic will fall, with one manufacturer noting that it is typically a 20 percent price decline per entrant.”³³

50. When there are multiple generic manufacturers in an established generic market—as with generic Ursodiol—prices should remain low and stable, and should not increase absent a market disruption or, as is the case here, anticompetitive conduct.

³³ GAO Report at 23.

B. Pricing of generic drugs discourages unilateral price increases

51. In simple terms, the generic pharmaceutical supply chain flows as follows: Manufacturers sell drugs to wholesalers. Wholesalers sell drugs to pharmacies. Pharmacies dispense the drugs to consumers, who pay the full retail price if they are uninsured, or a portion of the retail price (e.g., a co-pay or co-insurance) if they are insured. The insured consumers' health plans then pay the pharmacies additional amounts that are specified in agreements between them and the pharmacies. These agreements are sometimes arranged by middlemen known as Pharmacy Benefit Managers ("PBMs").

52. Because the prices paid by purchasers of generic drugs differ at each level of the market and most of the transactions occur between private parties according to terms that are not publicly disclosed, the price of a given drug is not always obvious. Marketwide pricing for a given drug, however, may be observed through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") survey of National Average Drug Acquisition Cost ("NADAC"). NADAC was "designed to create a national benchmark that is reflective of the prices paid by retail community pharmacies to acquire prescription . . . drugs."³⁴ "NADAC is a simple average of the drug acquisition costs submitted by retail pharmacies."³⁵ In effect, NADAC is "a single national average."³⁶ Thus, NADAC is one way to track general price trends in the marketplace.

53. While NADAC provides the average price level across all manufacturers of a given drug, other price measures are manufacturer-specific. Drug manufacturers typically report

³⁴ CMS, Methodology for Calculating the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) for Medicaid Covered Outpatient Drugs at 5, *available at* <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/prescription-drugs/ful-nadac-downloads/nadacmethodology.pdf>.

³⁵ *Id.* at 15.

³⁶ *Id.*

benchmarks—like Wholesale Acquisition Cost (“WACs”)—for their drugs, which are then published in compendia used by participants in the pharmaceutical industry. The benchmarks are not actual transaction prices; rather, they are the manufacturer’s reported list price, which is sometimes subject to discounts. In order track manufacturer-specific pricing, this complaint uses QuintilesIMS’s National Sales Perspectives (“NSP”) data, which “captures 100% of the total U.S. pharmaceutical market, measuring sales at actual transaction prices rather than using an average wholesale price” and includes sales by manufacturers into various outlets.³⁷

54. When third-party payers (e.g., health plans) pay pharmacies to dispense drugs to their covered patients, the amount is typically determined with reference to a benchmark or list price like a WAC. Some third-party payers and PBMs have implemented their own individual caps—Maximum Allowable Costs (“MACs”)—that set the maximum amounts they will pay pharmacies for some generic drugs, regardless of the pharmacies’ acquisition costs. A pharmacy must often dispense the drug at a loss if it cannot find a wholesaler offering the drug at a price or below the MAC cap.

55. Although MAC caps do not apply directly to manufacturers, these caps impose a restraint on manufacturers’ prices. The MAC cap essentially limits a pharmacy’s discretion to adjust retail prices upwards, so pharmacies are incentivized to buy from the cheapest wholesaler and wholesalers to buy from cheapest manufacturer. This additional pressure on prices means a generic manufacturer that increases its price for a drug should expect to lose sales to a competitor with a lower price. Consequently, in the absence of coordinated pricing activity among generic manufacturers, an individual manufacturer should not be able to significantly increase its price (or

³⁷ IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, HSRN Data Brief: National Sales Perspectives at 1, available at https://www.imshealth.com/files/web/IMSH%20Institute/NSP_Data_Brief-.pdf.

maintain a higher price in the face of a significantly lower competitor price) without incurring the loss of a significant volume of sales. In a market with MAC caps, it is unlikely that a generic drug manufacturer would risk raising its price unless it has been agreed with competitors that they will raise their prices, too.

VIII. THE GENERIC URSODIOL CONSPIRACY

56. Ursodiol is sold throughout the United States and its territories. Ursodiol was first approved for marketing in the U.S. in 1987 under the brand name Actigall®. It has been available in generic form since 2000.

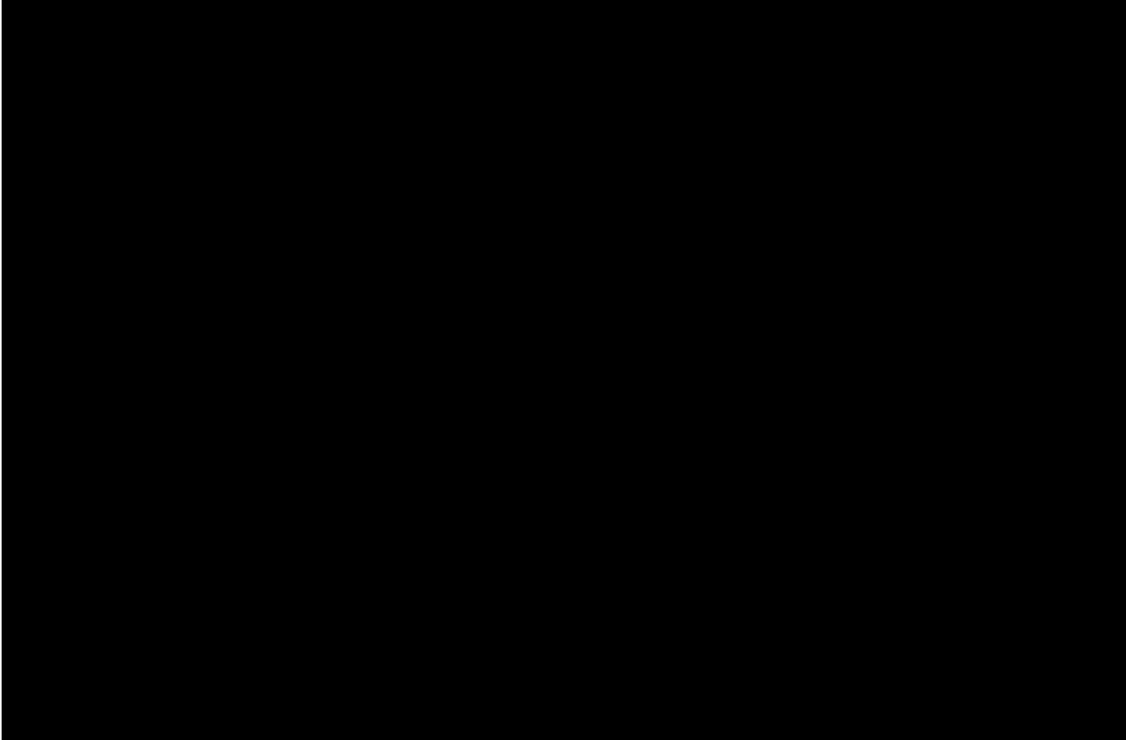
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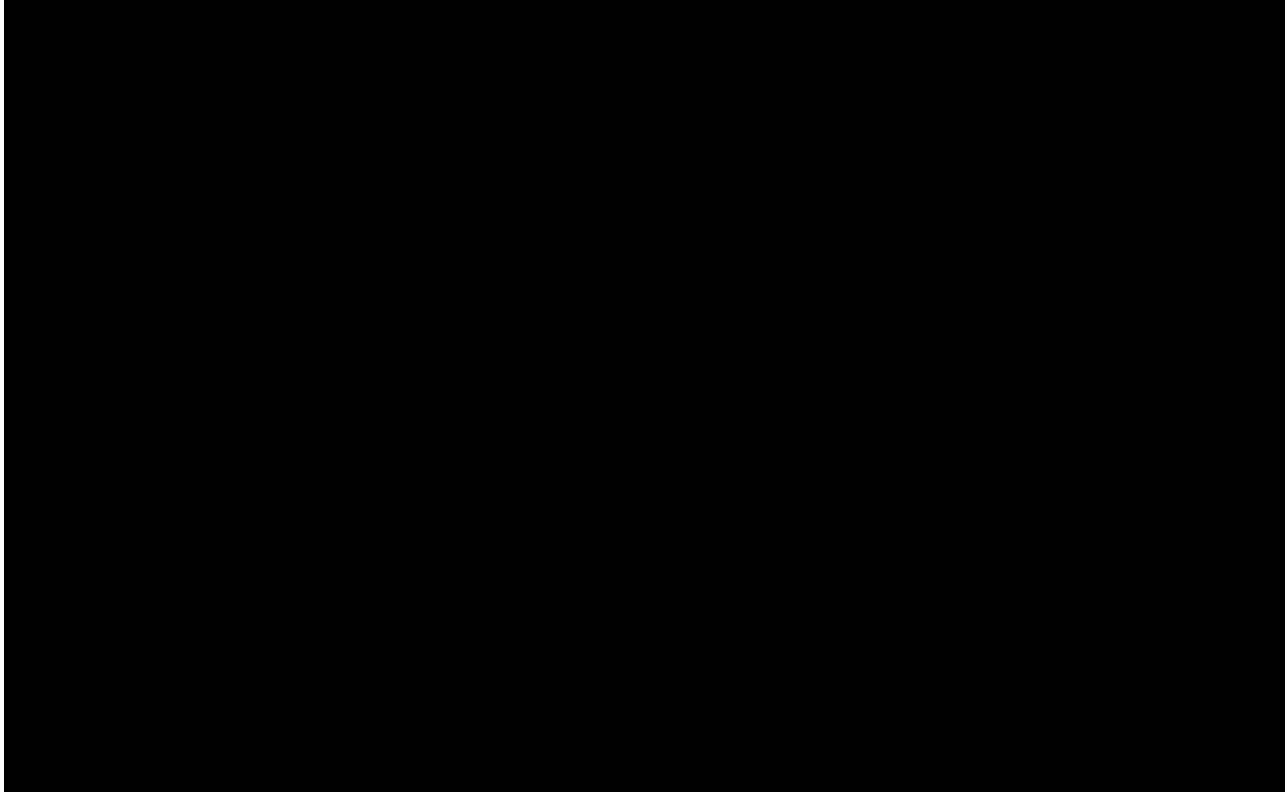
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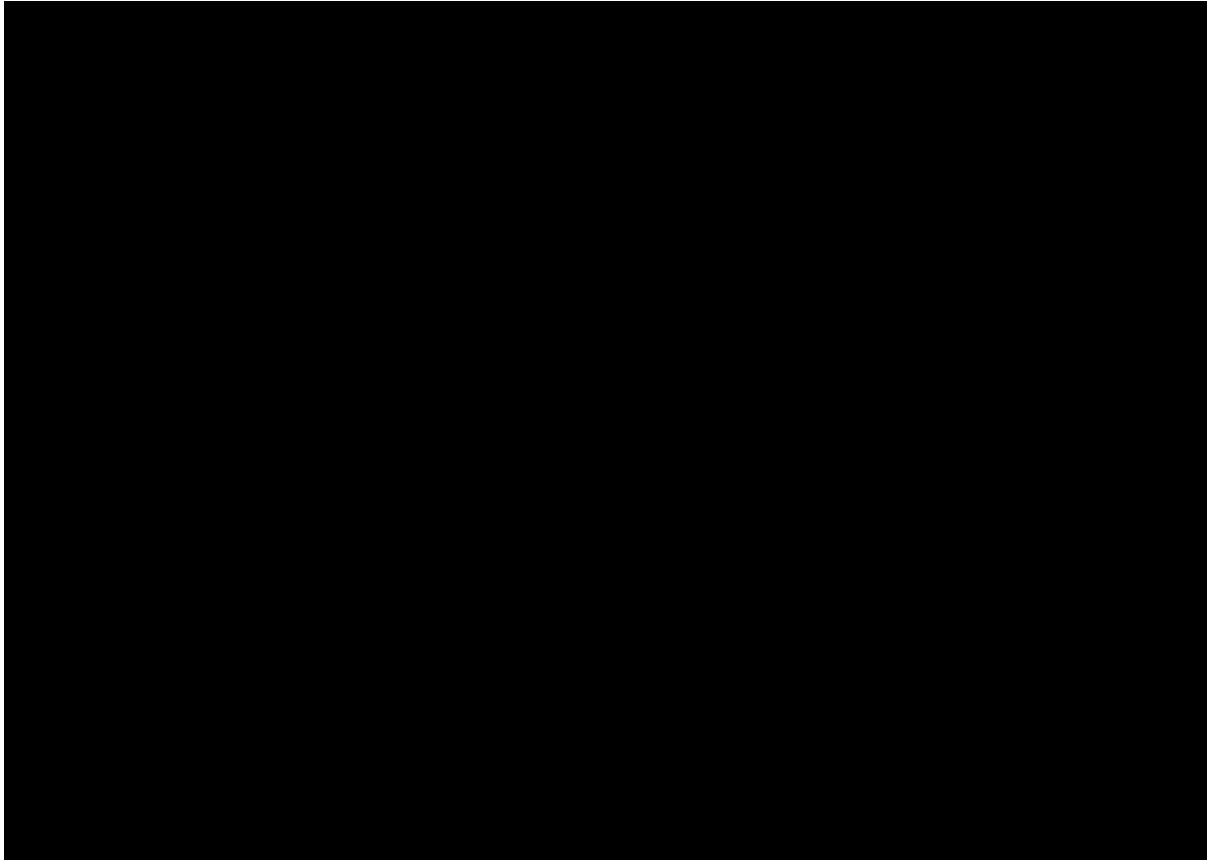
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59. [REDACTED]







60. At all relevant times, Defendants had substantial market power with respect to generic Ursodiol. Defendants exercised this power to maintain supracompetitive prices for Ursodiol without losing so many sales as to make the elevated price unprofitable.

61. Defendants sold generic Ursodiol at prices in excess of marginal costs, in excess of a competitive price, and enjoyed high profit margins.

62. As demonstrated above, during the Class Period, Defendants dominated the Ursodiol market. Defendants controlled in excess of 90% of the generic Ursodiol market, implying a substantial amount of market power.

A. Defendants' activities in furtherance of the generic Ursodiol conspiracy

1. Defendants met and discussed coordinating their pricing of generic Ursodiol

63. In order to be successful, collusive agreements require a level of trust among the conspirators. While this can be accomplished by one-on-one communications, collaboration is also fostered through industry associations, which facilitate relationships between individuals who should otherwise be predisposed to compete vigorously with each other.

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66. In addition, Defendants were also members of other trade associations that provided them the means to effectuate their price-fixing and market allocation conspiracy, including the

GPhA. For example, the 2013 GPhA Fall Technical Conference on October 28-30, 2013 in Bethesda, Maryland, was attended by representatives of Actavis and Lannett, and the 2014 GPhA Annual Meeting, held on February 19-21, 2014 in Orlando, Florida, was attended by representatives of Actavis and Epic. Representatives of the Defendants attended multiple GPhA conferences including those described in the table below:

Meeting	Meeting Date and Location	Attendees
2013 GPhA Fall Technical Conference	October 28-30, 2013, Bethesda, Maryland	Actavis, Lannett
2014 GPhA Annual Meeting	February 19-21, 2014, Orlando, Florida	Actavis, Epic
2014 GPhA CMC Workshop	June 3-4, 2014, Bethesda, Maryland	Actavis, Lannett
2014 GPhA Fall Technical Conference	October 27-29, 2014, Bethesda, Maryland	Actavis, Lannett
2015 GPhA Annual Meeting	February 9-11, 2015, Miami Beach, Florida	Actavis, Epic
2015 GPhA CMC Workshop	June 9-10, 2015, Bethesda, Maryland	Actavis, Lannett
2015 GPhA Fall Technical Conference	November 2-4, 2015, Bethesda, Maryland	Actavis, Lannett

67. As a result of Defendants' unlawful agreement to restrain trade, Plaintiffs and members of the Classes were injured because they paid, and continue to pay, supracompetitive prices for generic Ursodiol sold in the United States during the period May 1, 2014 through the present.

2. Defendants raised and maintained supracompetitive prices for generic Ursodiol

68. Defendants' sudden and massive price increases represented a sharp departure from the previous years of low and stable prices. As part of their conspiracy, Defendants agreed to raise the prices of generic Ursodiol sold to consumers in the United States. In early 2014, "Ursodiol's wholesale price was as low as 45 cents a capsule. Then in May 2014, generic manufacturer Lannett Co. hiked its price to \$5.10 per capsule, and one by one its competitors followed suit—with most charging nearly the same price."⁴¹ One Pennsylvania pharmacist commented: "Patients paid \$40 for their prescription one month and \$400 the next."⁴² Overall, as a result of the conspiracy, prices for Ursodiol were raised over 1500%.

69. There are no legitimate reasons or explanations for the unprecedented and dramatic price increases for Ursodiol by Defendants.

70. An increase in input costs do not explain these price hikes.

71. Demand for Ursodiol has not materially changed between 2010 and the present.

72. Further, at the time Ursodiol prices rose in or around the second quarter of 2014, there were no known raw material shortages that would have constrained Defendants' ability to supply the market. Federal law requires drug manufacturers to report potential drug shortages to the FDA. *See "Permanent Discontinuance or Interruption in Manufacturing of Certain Drug or Biological Products,"* 80 Fed. Reg. 38915, 38922 (July 8, 2015). No supply disruption was reported by Defendants with respect to Ursodiol during the Class Period. Ursodiol (whether capsules or not) does not appear in the archived lists of American Society of Health-System

⁴¹ Melody Petersen, *Here's why drug prices rise even when there's plenty of competition*, Los Angeles Times (Sept. 1, 2016), <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-mylan-price-hikes-20160830-snap-story.html>.

⁴² *Id.*

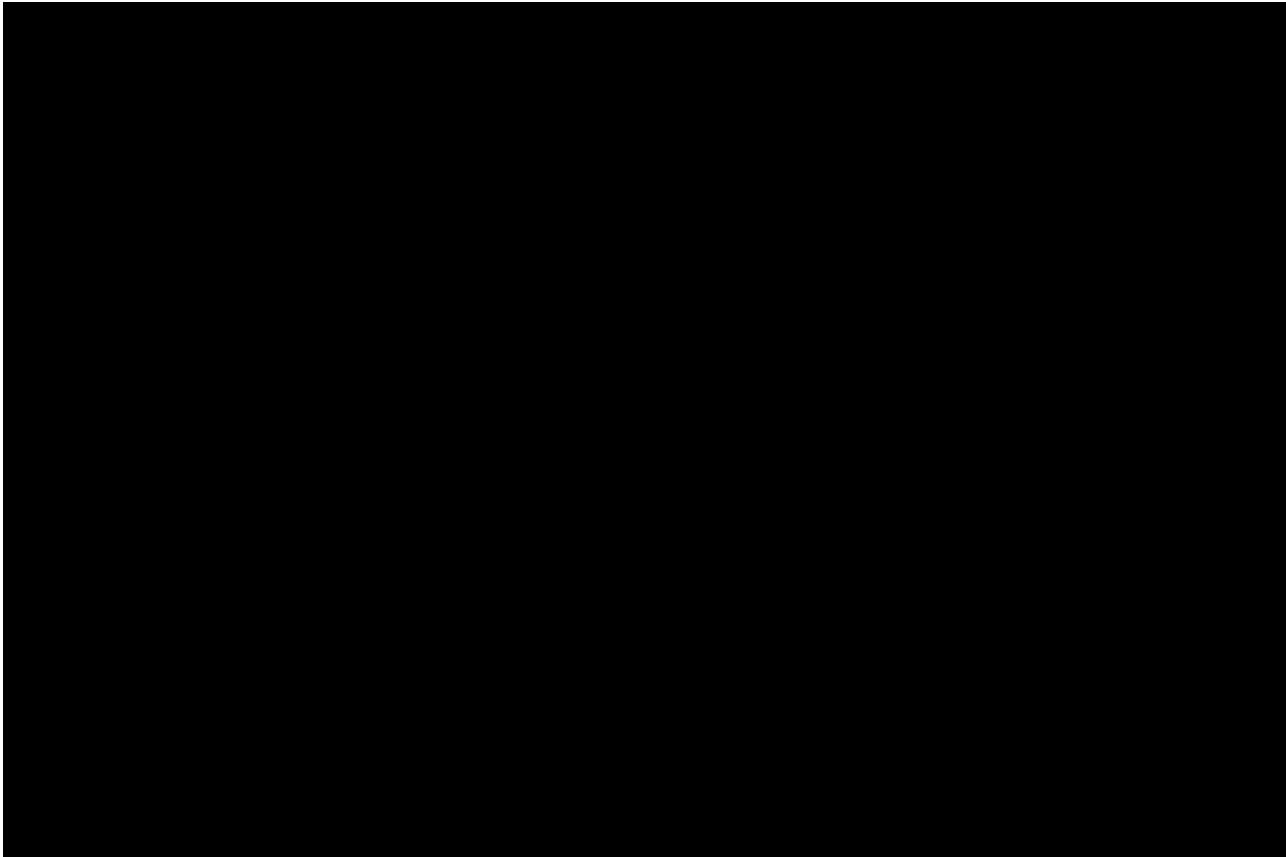
Pharmacists (“ASHP”) Current Shortage Bulletins dating back to July 2012, and Ursodiol also does not appear on the current list of ASHP Resolved Shortage Bulletins (which includes drug shortages dating back to August 2010).

73. Plaintiffs analyzed data obtained from IMS Health, specifically IMS’s National Sales Perspectives™ (NSP) data. NSP data is “considered the industry standard for measuring pharmaceutical spending . . . because NSP captures 100% of the total U.S. pharmaceutical market, measuring sales at actual transaction prices rather than using an average wholesale price”.⁴³ Transactions captured in the NSP data reflect both direct and indirect sales.⁴⁴

74. IMS Health pricing data shows that Defendants prices moved in near lock-step; parallel pricing was observed when examining Defendants’ actual prices in the market. [REDACTED]
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⁴³ IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, HSRN Data Brief: National Sales Perspectives™, at 1, https://www.imshealth.com/files/web/IMSH%20Institute/NSP_Data_Brief-.pdf.

⁴⁴ IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, HSRN Data Brief: National Sales Perspectives™, at 1, https://www.imshealth.com/files/web/IMSH%20Institute/NSP_Data_Brief-.pdf.



75. This graph shows Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were relatively stable for the period December 2010 through around April 2014. But beginning around May 2014, Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices rose rapidly and continued to remain well above their pre-May 2014 prices through November 2016.

76. As part of the conspiracy, Defendants set their WAC benchmarks essentially in lockstep. Although MAC pricing has been implemented to discourage unilateral price increases of generic drugs by setting an upper limit, an individual manufacturer's WAC increase influences the actual prices paid by direct purchasers. This is the case here, where Defendants dominate the Ursodiol market and set their WACs at approximately the start of the Class Period at essentially the same prices even when it meant increasing the price as much as 1,034%:⁴⁵

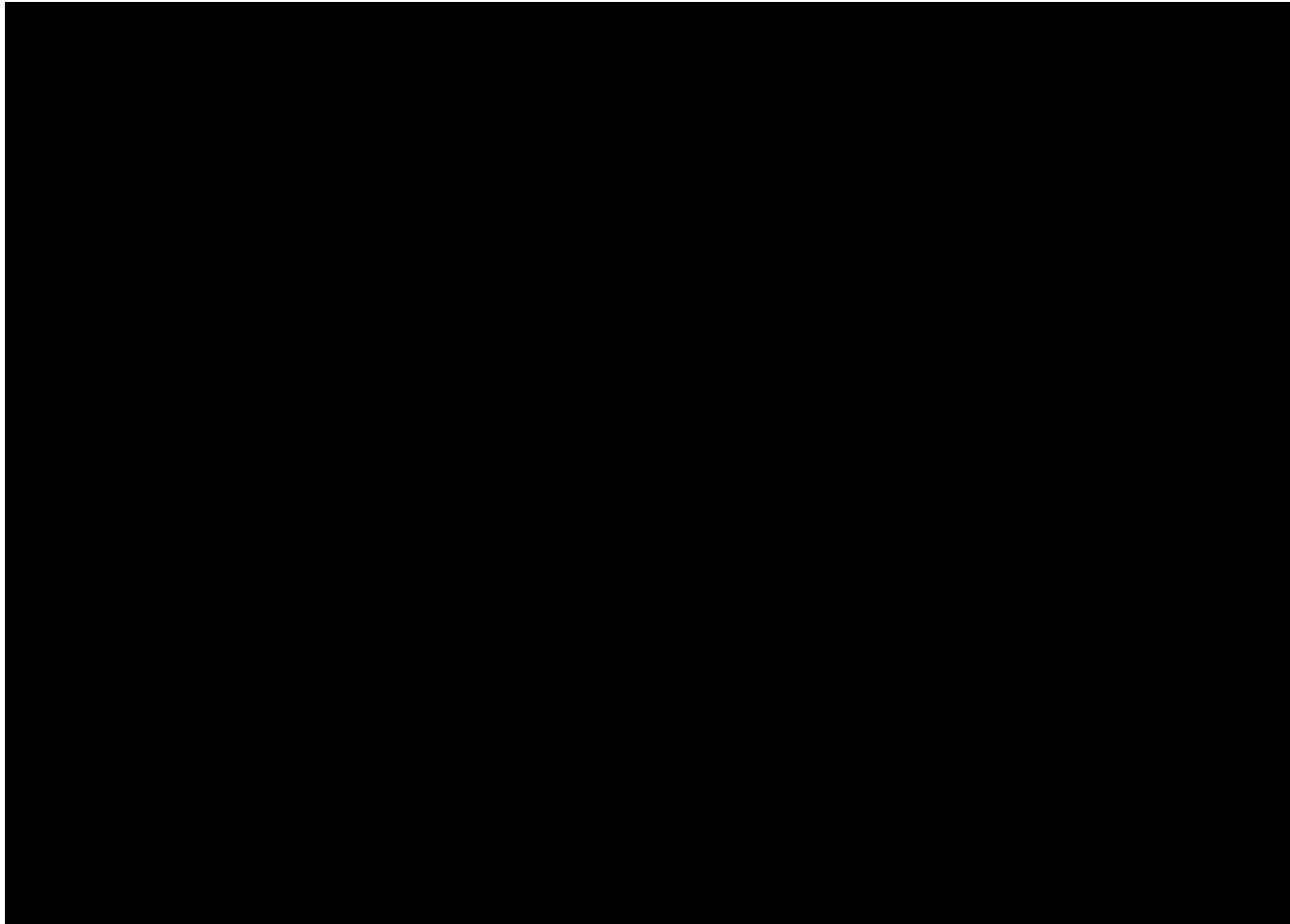
⁴⁵ For ease of reference, WAC prices are rounded to the nearest cent, but the percentage increases are calculated on the actual reported WACs.

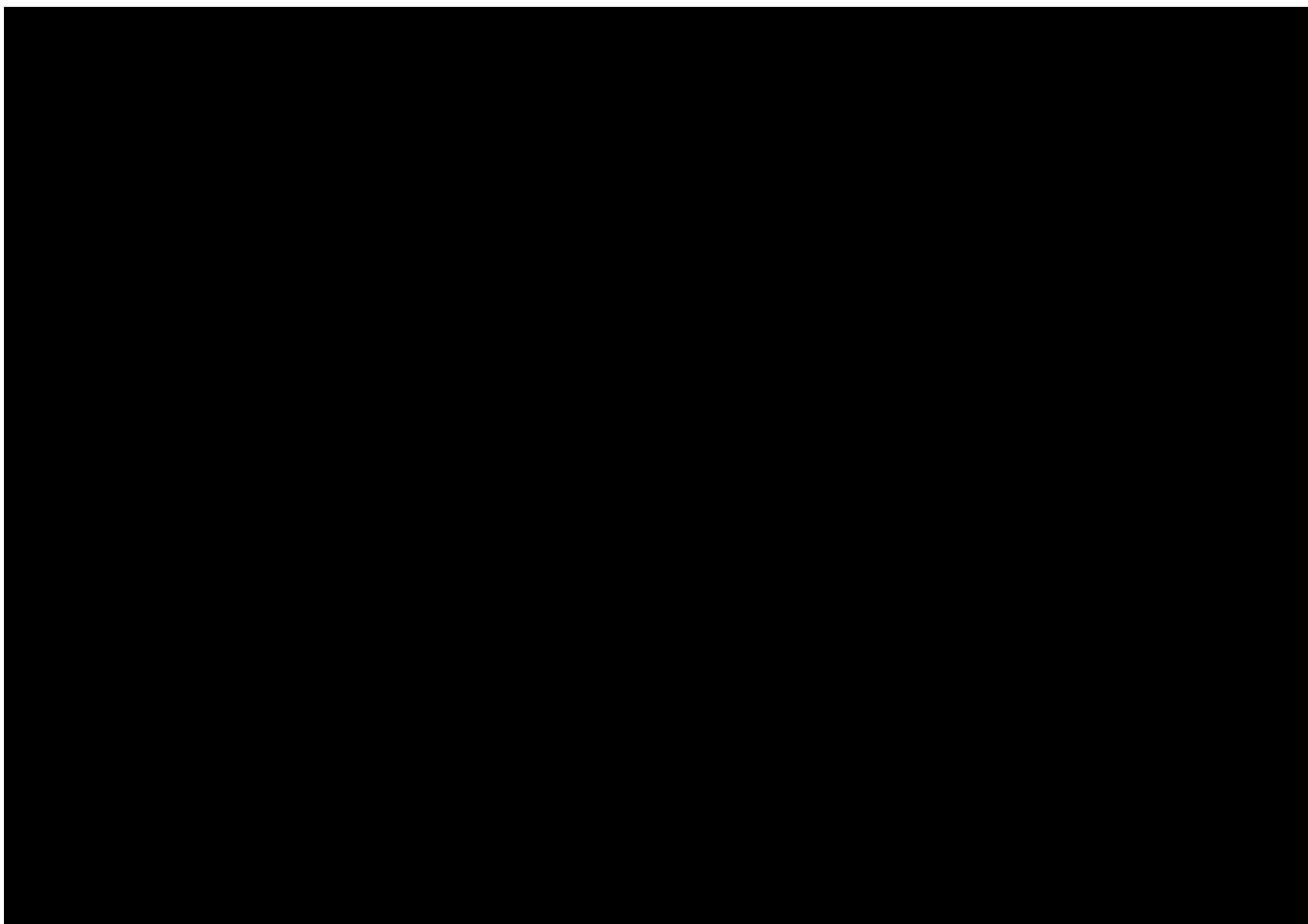
Product	Defendant	NDC	Old WAC	New WAC	Date of Increase	Percentage Increase
300 mg. cap.	Epic	42806-0503-01	\$0.45	\$5.10	6-May-14	1,034%
300 mg. cap.	Actavis	00591-3159-01	\$0.77	\$5.11	24-Jun-14	562%
300 mg. cap.	Lannett ⁴⁶	00527-1326-01	*	\$5.11	1-May-14	*

77. To highlight the anomalous pricing behavior of Ursodiol (capsules), Plaintiffs also plotted the comparative prices for Ursodiol tablets, which are sold at 250 mg and 500 mg strengths. Ursodiol tablets are not part of this case.

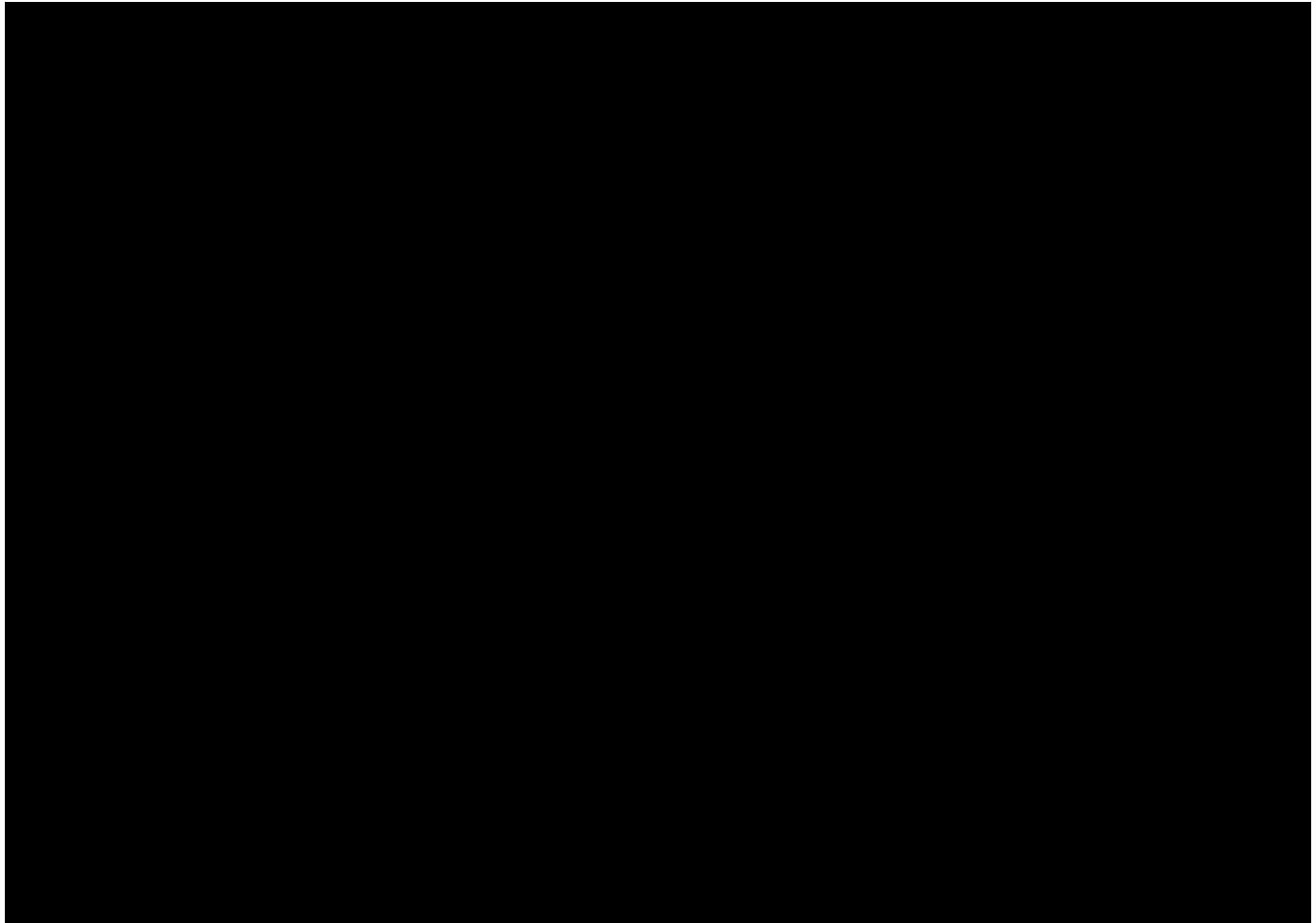
78. Ursodiol capsules and tablets are made from the same base compound (ursodeoxycholic acid). Thus, to the extent that there was a shortage of this base compound, it would affect both formulations. The graphs below demonstrate two things: first, that generic Ursodiol tablet pricing was more volatile than Ursodiol capsule pricing, both before and after Defendants' increases in the price of Ursodiol (capsules), and; second, that generic Ursodiol tablet price increases were smaller in size and shorter in duration than Defendants' increases in the price of Ursodiol (capsules).

⁴⁶ Lannett first reported a WAC for this product on this date.





79. Tablets and capsules of generic Ursodiol are not interchangeable. In addition to having different dosage strengths, Ursodiol tablets are indicated for a different condition—the treatment of patients with primary biliary cirrhosis. As demonstrated by the graph below, based on IMS extended unit sales figures, Ursodiol (capsules) are much more commonly prescribed than Ursodiol (tablets):



80. Although Defendants' Ursodiol prices have eroded somewhat since their May 2014 price increases, they still remain substantially above their pre-May 2014 prices. Defendants' coordinated pricing has deprived, and continues to deprive, Plaintiffs and members of the Classes the benefits of free and open competition—namely, lower prices for generic versions of Ursodiol. As a result, Plaintiffs and members of the Classes have paid and continue to pay non-competitive prices for generic Ursodiol.

81. The rents secured from Defendants' collusive practices padded Defendants' bottom line and generated supracompetitive revenues and profits. [REDACTED]

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82. Two of the three defendants—Actavis and Lannett—were (or were owned by) publicly-traded companies during the Class Period. Accordingly, public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”)⁴⁷ and public statements to investors were made by or on behalf of Actavis and Lannett. Those statements reveal that Defendants’ unprecedented price

⁴⁷ The SEC filings for Actavis (and its predecessor-in-interest Watson Pharmaceuticals) are available, among other places, on Allergan’s website: <https://www.allergan.com/investors/financial-information/sec-filings>. Lannett’s SEC filings are available, among other places, at <http://lannett.investorroom.com/sec-filings>.

increases caused Ursodiol to suddenly become a “key” product for both companies during calendar year 2014.

83. Plaintiffs reviewed the SEC Form 10-Ks for Actavis (and its predecessor-in-interest Watson) going back to the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.⁴⁸ For each of the four years from 2010 through 2013, the word “Ursodiol” does not merit a single mention in any of the company’s 10-Ks. Following Defendants’ drastic price increases in the second quarter of 2014, however, Ursodiol is not only mentioned in Actavis’s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, it is listed as one of twenty-five “key products.” Twenty of the twenty-five “key products” listed for 2014 were also “key products” in 2013. Of the five additions to the “key products” list, four were new products launched by Actavis in 2014.⁴⁹ The only “key” product that was not also *new* product was Ursodiol.

⁴⁸ Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc., SEC 2010 Form 10-K (Feb. 22, 2011), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/884629/000095012311015948/a58052e10vk.htm>; Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc., SEC 2011 Form 10-K (Feb. 15, 2012), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/884629/000119312512064014/d259928d10k.htm>; Actavis, Inc., SEC 2012 Form 10-K (Feb. 28, 2013), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/884629/000119312513082059/d448020d10k.htm>; Actavis plc, SEC 2013 Form 10-K (Feb. 25, 2014), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1578845/000119312514066242/d648811d10k.htm>; Actavis plc/Warner Chilcott Ltd., SEC 2014 Form 10-K (Feb. 18, 2015), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1578845/000119312515052898/d842874d10k.htm>.

⁴⁹ The four “new” products were celecoxib (*see* <https://www.allergan.com/news/news/thomson-reuters/actavis-launches-generic-version-of-celebrex>), guanfacine ER (*see* <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/actavis-reaches-agreement-with-shire-to-launch-a-generic-version-of-intuniv-in-december-2014-204667751.html>); hydromorphone ER (*see* [https://www.allergan.com/news/news/thomson-reuters/actavis-receives-final-approval-for-generic-ve-\(1\)](https://www.allergan.com/news/news/thomson-reuters/actavis-receives-final-approval-for-generic-ve-(1))), and risedronate, an “authorized generic” of the brand name product Actonel launched by Actavis plc subsidiary Warner Chilcott in June 2014 (*see* <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/aboutfda/centersoffices/cder/ucm183605.pdf>).

84. Lannett's annual filings follow a similar pattern. Plaintiffs reviewed the SEC Form 10-Ks for each of the five years from fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 through June 30, 2014.⁵⁰ Lannett sold Ursodiol during this timeframe, but it is not included in the short list of "key products" identified in the company's 10-Ks. Indeed, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, Lannett's Ursodiol sales represented only 2.4% of the company's annual sales, and the "Gallstone" category (referring to the condition for which Ursodiol is indicated) ranked 9th among the 10 product categories in terms of its overall contribution to Lannett's total annual sales.

85. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, however, Ursodiol is suddenly ranked as one of the five product groups deemed as "Key Products."⁵¹ In one year, Lannett's Ursodiol sales jumped from \$6.5 million to ***over \$65 million—a 992% increase over the prior year.*** Lannett's Ursodiol sales accounted for over 16% of the company's total sales that year, and the "Gallstone" product category ranked second from the top instead of second from the bottom.⁵²

86. Lannett explained that the dramatic jump in Ursodiol sales was driven by its price increase: "Net sales of drugs used for gallstones increased by \$58.7 million. The increase in net

⁵⁰ Lannett Co., SEC 2010 Form 10-K (Sept. 24, 2010), *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465910049834/a10-18219_110k.htm; Lannett Co., SEC 2011 Form 10-K (Sept. 9, 2011); *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465911051106/a11-26062_110k.htm; Lannett Co., SEC 2012 Form 10-K (Sept. 12, 2012) *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465912063063/a12-16004_110k.htm; Lannett Co., SEC 2013 Form 10-K (Sept. 12, 2013), *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465913069449/a13-14637_110k.htm; Lannett Co., SEC 2014 Form 10-K (Aug. 29, 2014), *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465914063906/a14-15222_110k.htm; Lannett Co., SEC 2015 Form 10-K (Aug. 27, 2015), *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465915062047/a15-13005_110k.htm.

⁵¹ Lannett Co., SEC 2015 Form 10-K (Aug. 27, 2015), at 6, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465915062047/a15-13005_110k.htm.

⁵² Lannett Co., SEC 2015 Form 10-K (Aug. 27, 2015), at 31, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465915062047/a15-13005_110k.htm.

sales was primarily attributable to price increases on key products.” Lannett also acknowledged in its SEC filing that it had increased prices on Ursodiol by a whopping 907%, which is, by far, the single largest price increase identified in the 10-Ks reviewed by Plaintiffs.⁵³

87. Lannett’s executives also spoke about price increases for Ursodiol (and other drugs) on earnings calls. Prior to increasing its price for Ursodiol in May 2014, Lannett Chief Executive Officer, Arthur P. Bedrosian, made it clear on a Q4 2013 earnings call that price increases by competitors were welcome news, and that Lannett itself was intent on pursuing a strategy in which price increases played a pivotal role.

88. In response to an analyst’s question about his reaction to a competitor that “took pricing up quite significantly” on the generic drug levothyroxin, Bedrosian stated: “You mean after I sent them the thank you note? I’m just kidding.” Bedrosian went on to express his gratitude for that price increase in particular, and for price increases generally:

I’m always grateful to see responsible generic drug companies realize that our cost of doing business is going up as well. As everyone knows, the FDA has new requirements for stability work on generic drug products that are going to cost a lot of money, add the GDUFA fees on top of that. So, whenever people start acting responsible and raise prices as opposed to the typical spiral down of generic drug prices, I’m grateful because Lannett tends to be active in raising prices. We believe we have to sell our products for a price that we can make a profit, that profit has to cover all of the costs that we incurred to make the product as well as what we expect to incur for product development or enhancements to those products, so I’m grateful to see price increases. This particular one that was done by a competitor is embraced—just like I’d do any other price increases.⁵⁴

⁵³ The next largest price increase, and the only other instance of an increase of 100% or more, was reported in Lannett’s 10-K for fiscal 2014—a 150% increase for the cardiovascular drug digoxin. As noted above, the Connecticut AG served Lannett with a subpoena and interrogatories concerning its investigation of digoxin. Lannett is also named in several other *In re Generic Pharmaceutical Pricing Antitrust Litigation* actions, including No. 16-DG-27242, alleging anticompetitive conduct in the market for digoxin.

⁵⁴ Lannett Company Q4 2013 Earnings Conference Call transcript (Sept. 10, 2013), at 9.

89. Bedrosian also signaled that “We have more price increases planned for this year within our budget. And hopefully, our competitors will follow suit. If they don’t, that’s their issue. But our plan is to raise prices on any product that we think we can or we haven’t raised a price.”⁵⁵

90. The third quarter of 2014—July through September—was the first full quarter in which Defendants’ dramatic Ursodiol prices were in effect. On Lannett’s Q3 2014 earnings call, Bedrosian stated he was “pleased to report outstanding financial results for the quarter,” which were driven by a “combination of price increases on key products and strong sales on existing products.” Bedrosian went on to confirm that that Ursodiol was one of the products with a price increase.⁵⁶

91. On Lannett’s Q4 2014 earnings call, Lannett’s CFO stated that the strong quarter in Ursodiol sales was not due to volume increases but instead “was all price.” Critically, he also confirmed that Lannett was confident it would be able to maintain Ursodiol’s high prices for at least the next several quarters, stating that the company included strong Ursodiol revenues in its projections.⁵⁷

92. On Lannett’s Q1 2015 earnings call, Lannett’s CFO stated: “And Ursodiol too, we were holding that back from a guidance perspective because we were unclear as to how long that multiple-fold increase in price would continue for. So with both [Ursodiol and digoxin], we feel more positive now, more confident.” Bedrosian also expressed the view that Lannett would

⁵⁵ *Id.* at 15.

⁵⁶ Lannett Co. Q3 2014 Earnings Conference Call transcript (May 7, 2014), at 2-5.

⁵⁷ Lannett Co. Q4 2014 Earnings Conference Call transcript (Aug. 27, 2014), at 20.

continue to benefit from Ursodiol's price-driven increase in sales: "Yes, the Ursodiol we still expect the product to produce strong earnings and sales for us this year."⁵⁸

93. On Lannett's Q2 2015 earnings call, Lannett's CFO continued to express confidence in Lannett being able to sustain its Ursodiol price increase:

As you recall, last summer, we felt that with the significant price increase, we just weren't, it wasn't quite clear with Epic was the other competitor at that time. And the outlook wasn't clear. So we only put six months of that price increase into our fiscal 2015 outlook. Now, essentially, we have 12 months of that price increase, plus some volume increase.⁵⁹

94. On Lannett's Q4 2015 earnings call, Lannett's CFO again expressed confidence in Ursodiol, stating that "we are expecting some growth in Ursodiol. The product is holding up, and so we do expect some growth there." CEO Bedrosian added his views on the sustainability of price increases that had been occurring in the generic pharmaceutical industry in recent years:

And everybody keeps bringing up the sustainability of price increases. Well, they seem to be sustainable. I'm not saying that there hasn't been some weakness here and there, but overall, I feel the price increases have been sustainable and we're going into almost the third year now with some of these increases. So we think it's a more rational market we're in.⁶⁰

95. Thus, notwithstanding the admonition in Lannett's public filings with the SEC that "[c]ompetition is based primarily on price," Lannett was able to maintain "sustainable" price increases for Ursodiol, as was Actavis and Epic. This was the case even though no Defendant suggested that there was a market-driven basis for increased prices such as a sudden surge in demand, or a shortage of raw materials.

⁵⁸ Lannett Co. Q1 2015 Earnings Conference Call transcript (Nov. 3, 2014), at 9.

⁵⁹ Lannett Co. Q2 2015 Earnings Conference Call transcript (Feb. 4, 2015), at 15.

⁶⁰ Lannett Co. Q4 2015 Earnings Conference Call transcript (Aug. 25, 2015), at 7.

96. The overcharges resulting from Defendants' conduct are directly traceable through the pharmaceutical distribution chain to Plaintiffs. A manufacturer first sells the generic drug to direct purchasers such as wholesalers and large retail pharmacy chains based on the listed wholesale acquisition cost, or WAC, or average wholesale price, or AWP, minus applicable discounts. Wholesalers then sell these generic drugs to Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Classes. Thus, generic drug pricing permeates the entire distribution chain.

97. Defendants' price hikes caused extreme hardship to Plaintiffs. Defendants' price increases for Ursodiol resulted in corresponding increases to the prices paid by Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Classes. Defendants' corresponding increases in Ursodiol's transactional and benchmark prices translate to increases in the prices paid by Plaintiffs.

B. Government responses to generic Ursodiol price increases

1. Response from DOJ and State Attorneys General

98. Several generic drug manufacturers, including Defendants Actavis and Lannett, have each confirmed that they received subpoenas or requests for information concerning their pricing of generic drugs, as well as their communications with their competitors for those drugs.

99. Initial reports suggest that, at the beginning, the probes were focused on two generic drugs: digoxin and doxycycline. However, recent news reports have confirmed the sweeping nature of the DOJ's investigation: over two-dozen drugs and at least a dozen drug companies are under criminal investigation.

100. A federal grand jury investigating the matter is empaneled in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The result of these investigations could result in the imposition of substantial

fines and criminal pleas for generic manufacturers, and jail time for company executives. Some analysts have estimated that the DOJ could impose fines in excess of \$1 billion.⁶¹

101. To date, the following generic drug companies have been contacted in connection with either federal or state antitrust probes, with investigators seeking information concerning not only pricing but also competitor contacts:

- (a) **Actavis:** In February 2016, Actavis's predecessor, Allergan plc, disclosed that it received a DOJ subpoena "seeking information relating to the marketing and pricing of certain of the Company's generic products and communications with competitors about such products."⁶²
- (b) **Aurobindo:** Aurobindo has disclosed receipt of a subpoena relating to the DOJ's generic drug investigation.⁶³ The company stated that it "received a subpoena in Mar[ch] 2016 requesting non-product specific information."⁶⁴
- (c) **Citron:** In December 2016, Aceto Corporation (which purchased Citron's generic drugs assets) disclosed that DOJ "executed a search warrant against the Company and also served a subpoena requesting documents and other information concerning potential antitrust violations in the sale of Glyburide, Glyburide/Metformin, and Fosinopril HCTZ products." The Connecticut AG requested that Citron produce all documents produced to DOJ.⁶⁵

⁶¹ Eric Saonowsky, *DOJ's price-fixing investigation could lead to sizable liabilities, analyst says*, FiercePharma (Nov. 10, 2016), <http://www.fiercepharma.com/pharma/doj-s-price-fixing-investigation-could-lead-to-sizable-liabilities-analyst-says>.

⁶² Allergan, SEC 2015 Form 10-K (Feb. 26, 2016), at 27, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1578845/000156459016013478/agn-10k_20151231.htm.

⁶³ Zeba Siddiqui, "India's Aurobindo shares hit nine-month low on US price-fixing lawsuit," Reuters (Dec 16, 2016), *available at* <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-aurobindo-pharm-stocks-idUSKBN1450DV>.

⁶⁴ Aurobindo Pharma, Ltd., BSE Disclosure (Dec. 16, 2016), *available at* http://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfilng/AttachHis/3C8E03C7_A46F_4792_AED5_197E6961A77E_125855.pdf.

⁶⁵ Aceto Corp., SEC Form 8-K, Ex. 99.5, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/2034/000157104916020771/t1600804_ex99-5.htm.

- (d) **Dr. Reddy's:** In November 2016, Dr. Reddy's disclosed that it received subpoenas from DOJ and the Connecticut AG "seeking information relating to the marketing, pricing and sale of certain . . . generic products and any communications with competitors about such products."⁶⁶
- (e) **Heritage:** As a private company, Heritage is not required to make public disclosures. Nonetheless, in the wake of the criminal guilty pleas by two of its executives, Heritage confirmed that it is "fully cooperating" with DOJ⁶⁷ and press reports indicate that Heritage has applied to DOJ's leniency program seeking amnesty for a cartel violation.⁶⁸
- (f) **Impax:** In July 2014, Impax disclosed that it received a subpoena from the Connecticut AG concerning sales of generic digoxin.⁶⁹ In November 2014, Impax disclosed that an employee received a broader federal grand jury subpoena that requested testimony and documents about "any communication or correspondence with any competitor (or an employee of any competitor) in the sale of generic prescription medications."⁷⁰ In February 2016, Impax disclosed that it received a DOJ subpoena requesting "information and documents regarding the sales, marketing, and pricing of certain generic prescription medications. In particular . . . digoxin tablets, terbutaline sulfate tablets, prilocaine/lidocaine cream, and calcipotriene topical solution."⁷¹
- (g) **Lannett:** In July 2014, Lannett disclosed that it received a subpoena from the Connecticut AG relating to its investigation into the price-

⁶⁶ Dr. Reddy's, SEC Form 6-K (Nov. 10, 2016), *available at* <http://www.drreddys.com/investors/reports-and-filings/sec-filings/?year=FY17>.

⁶⁷ Tom Schoenberg , David McLaughlin & Sophia Pearson, "U.S. Generic Drug Probe Seen Expanding After Guilty Pleas," Bloomberg (Dec. 14, 2016), *available at* <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-12-14/u-s-files-first-charges-in-generic-drug-price-fixing-probe>.

⁶⁸ *See supra* ¶20.

⁶⁹ Impax SEC Form 8-K (July 15, 2014), *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000143774914012809/ixl20140715_8k.htm.

⁷⁰ Impax SEC Form 8-K (Nov. 6, 2014), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000119312514402210/d816555d8k.htm>.

⁷¹ Impax SEC Form 10-K (Feb. 22, 2016) at F-53, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000143774916025780/ixl20151231_10k.htm.

fixing of digoxin.⁷² On November 3, 2014, Lannett disclosed that a Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing was served with a grand jury subpoena “relating to a federal investigation of the generic pharmaceutical industry into possible violations of the Sherman Act.” The subpoena also requested “corporate documents of the Company relating to communications or correspondence with competitors regarding the sale of generic prescription medications, but is not specifically directed to any particular product and is not limited to any particular time period.”⁷³ On August 27, 2015, Lannett further explained that DOJ sought, among other things, “communications or correspondence with competitors regarding the sale of generic prescription medications, and the marketing, sale, or pricing of certain products, generally for the period of 2005 through the dates of the subpoenas.”⁷⁴

- (h) **Mayne:** On August 25, 2016, Mayne Pharma Group Limited (the parent of Mayne) disclosed that it was “one of numerous generic pharmaceutical companies to receive a subpoena . . . seeking information relating to marketing, pricing and sales of select generic drugs” and that it had received a subpoena from the Connecticut AG seeking similar information.⁷⁵ On November 4, 2016, Mayne Pharma Group Limited issued a press release stating: “Previously on 28 Jun[e] 2016, Mayne Pharma Group Limited disclosed that it was one of several generic companies to receive a subpoena from the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice (DOJ) seeking information relating to the marketing, pricing and sales of select generic products. The investigation relating to Mayne Pharma is focused on doxycycline hydiate delayed-release tablets (generic) and potassium chloride powders.”⁷⁶
- (i) **Mylan:** In February 2016, Mylan disclosed that it received a DOJ subpoena “seeking information relating to . . . generic Doxycycline” and a similar subpoena from the Connecticut AG seeking “information relating to . . . certain of the Company’s generic

⁷² Lannett press release (July 16, 2014), *available at* <http://lannett.investorroom.com/2014-07-16-Lannett-Receives-Inquiry-From-Connecticut-Attorney-General>.

⁷³ Lannett, SEC Form 10-Q (Nov. 6, 2014) at 16, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465914077456/a14-20842_110q.htm.

⁷⁴ Lannett, SEC Form 10-K (Aug. 27, 2015) at 18, *available at* http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465915062047/a15-13005_110k.htm.

⁷⁵ Mayne Pharma, 2016 Annual Report (Aug. 25, 2016), at 75, *available at* <https://www.maynepharma.com/media/1788/2016-mayne-pharma-annual-report.pdf>.

⁷⁶ Mayne Pharma, Update on DOJ Investigation (Nov. 4, 2016), *available at* <http://asxcomnewspdfs.fairfaxmedia.com.au/2016/11/04/01798874-137879061.pdf>.

products (including Doxycycline) and communications with competitors about such products.”⁷⁷ On Nov. 9, 2016, Mylan disclosed that “certain employees and a member of senior management, received subpoenas from the DOJ seeking additional information relating to the marketing, pricing and sale of our generic Cidofovir, Glipizide-metformin, Propranolol and Verapamil products” and that “[r]elated search warrants also were executed” in connection with DOJ’s investigation.⁷⁸

- (j) **Par:** In March 2015, Par disclosed that it received subpoenas from the Connecticut AG and DOJ relating to digoxin and doxycycline.⁷⁹ In November 2015, Endo International plc, the parent company of Par, elaborated: “In December 2014, our subsidiary, Par, received a Subpoena to Testify Before Grand Jury from the Antitrust Division of the DOJ and issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The subpoena requests documents and information focused primarily on product and pricing information relating to Par’s authorized generic version of Lanoxin (digoxin) oral tablets and Par’s generic doxycycline products, and on communications with competitors and others regarding those products. Par is currently cooperating fully with the investigation.”⁸⁰ Endo also disclosed that in December 2015 it “received Interrogatories and Subpoena Duces Tecum from the State of Connecticut Office of Attorney General requesting information regarding pricing of certain of its generic products, including Doxycycline Hyclate, Amitriptyline Hydrochloride, Doxazosin Mesylate, Methotrexate Sodium and Oxybutynin Chloride.”⁸¹
- (k) **Perrigo:** On May 2, 2017, Perrigo disclosed that “search warrants were executed at the Company’s corporate offices associated with

⁷⁷ Mylan, SEC 2015 Form 10-K (Feb. 16, 2016), at 160, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1623613/000162361316000046/myl10k_20151231xd0c.htm.

⁷⁸ Mylan SEC Form 10-Q, at 58 (Nov. 9, 2016), *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1623613/000162361316000071/myl10q_20160930xd0c.htm.

⁷⁹ Par Pharmaceuticals Companies, Inc., SEC 2014 Form 10-K (Mar. 12, 2015) at 37, *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/878088/000087808815000002/prx-20141231x10k.htm>.

⁸⁰ Endo International plc, SEC Form 10-Q (March 31, 2016) at 30, *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1593034/000159303416000056/endp-3312016x10q.htm>.

⁸¹ *Id.* at 31.

an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division related to drug pricing in the pharmaceutical industry.”⁸²

- (l) **Sandoz:** In March 2016, Sandoz and Fougera Pharmaceuticals Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Sandoz) “received a subpoena from the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice (DoJ) requesting documents related to the marketing and pricing of generic pharmaceutical products...and related communications with competitors.”⁸³
- (m) **Sun:** On May 27, 2016, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. (the parent of Sun) stated in a filing with the National Stock Exchange of India that one of its U.S subsidiaries, namely Sun, “received a grand jury subpoena from the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division seeking documents . . . relating to corporate and employee records, generic pharmaceutical products and pricing, communications with competitors and others regarding the sale of generic pharmaceutical products, and certain other related matters.”⁸⁴
- (n) **Taro:** In September 2016, Taro disclosed that the Company “and two senior officers” received DOJ subpoenas seeking documents relating to “generic pharmaceutical products and pricing, communications with competitors and others regarding the sale of generic pharmaceutical products, and certain other related matters.”⁸⁵
- (o) **Teva:** In August 2016, Teva disclosed that it received subpoenas from DOJ and the Connecticut AG seeking documents and other information “relating to the marketing and pricing of certain of Teva USA’s generic products and communications with competitors about such products.”⁸⁶

⁸² Perrigo Press Release (May 2, 2017), *available at* <http://perrigo.investorroom.com/2017-05-02-Perrigo-Discloses-Investigation>.

⁸³ Novartis 2016 Financial Report at 217, *available at* <https://www.novartis.com/sites/www.novartis.com/files/ar-2016-financial-report-en.pdf>.

⁸⁴ Sun Pharmaceuticals Indus., Ltd., BSE Disclosure (May 27, 2016), *available at* http://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfilng/AttachHis/8E568708_8D00_472E_B052_666C76A4263D_081648.pdf.

⁸⁵ Taro, SEC Form 6-K (Sept. 9, 2016), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/906338/000115752316006685/a51417528.htm>.

⁸⁶ Teva, SEC Form 6-K at 25 (Aug. 4, 2016), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/818686/000119312516671785/d187194d6k.htm>.

(p) **Zydus:** Press reports have stated the Zydus is a target of DOJ's generic drugs price-fixing investigation.⁸⁷

2. Congressional responses to generic Ursodiol price increases

102. In addition to the investigations by DOJ and the State AGs, Congress has raised concerns about the alarming price spikes for numerous generic pharmaceuticals.

103. In the Fall of 2014, Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Elijah Cummings requested information from manufacturers of 10 drugs that had experienced extraordinary price increases. Six of those drugs are now the subject of complaints in this MDL.⁸⁸ In November 2014, Senator Sanders conducted a hearing entitled, "Why Are Some Generic Drugs Skyrocketing in Price?" ("Senate Hearing"). Various witnesses discussed the price hikes for generic drugs, but none of the industry executives that were invited to testify appeared, including Lannett President and Chief Executive Officer Arthur P. Bedrosian.⁸⁹

104. Both Senator Sanders and Senator Barbara Mikulski referred specifically to Ursodiol in their remarks: Senator Sanders described how one constituent who wrote in to him saw the price of Ursodiol "increase from \$95 to over \$1,200"; Senator Mikulski added that "[i]n June, a 3-month supply cost [one of her constituents] \$159 and in September, the same prescription cost her \$1,659."⁹⁰

⁸⁷ See Rupali Mukherjeel, "US polls, pricing pressure may hit Indian pharma cos," The Times of India (Nov. 8, 2016), *available at* <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/US-polls-pricing-pressure-may-hit-Indian-pharma-cos/articleshow/55301060.cms>.

⁸⁸ Senator Sanders, Press Release, "Congress Investigating Why Generic Drug Prices Are Skyrocketing" (Oct. 2, 2014), *available at* <https://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/congress-investigating-why-generic-drug-prices-are-skyrocketing>.

⁸⁹ Senate Hearing (Nov. 20, 2014), *available at* <https://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/why-are-some-generic-drugs-skyrocketing-in-priced>.

⁹⁰ *Id.* at 3 and 64.

105. Senator Sanders and Representative Cummings followed up with a request to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health & Human Services (“OIG”), asking it to investigate the effect that price increases of generic drugs have had on the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Ursodiol’s staggering price increase—for the 300 mg (capsule) dose but **not** for the 500 mg (tablet) dose—was specifically noted in their letter⁹¹:

106. The OIG issued its report in December 2015, confirming that price increases for numerous generic drugs far out-stripped inflation.⁹²

107. In response to another Congressional request—this one from Senators Susan Collins, Claire McCaskill, Bill Nelson and Mark Warner—the United States Government Accountability Office (“GAO”) issued a report in August 2016 entitled “Generic Drugs Under Medicare: Part D Generic Drug Prices Declined Overall, but Some Had Extraordinary Price Increases.”⁹³ The GAO investigation confirmed that in a competitive market, generic drug prices decline and remain stable, absent shortages or other market disruptions.⁹⁴ And this was the case for most generics. But it identified numerous drugs that experienced “extraordinary” increases, which it defined as an increase of more than 100%.⁹⁵ Among the generic drugs that “[e]xperienced an extraordinary price increase” was “Ursodiol 300 mg Capsule.”⁹⁶

⁹¹ Letter from Rep. Elijah Cummings and Sen. Bernard Sanders (Feb. 24, 2015), *available at* <http://www.sanders.senate.gov/download/sanders-cummings-letter?inline=file>. The table included in the letter inadvertently identifies the 300 mg dose as being in “tablet” form; the 300 mg dose of Ursodiol is *only* sold in capsule form. “NADAC” stands for National Average Drug Acquisition Cost and refers to data compiled by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

⁹² HHS OIG, *Average Manufacturer Prices Increased Faster than Inflation for Many Generic Drugs* (Dec. 2015), *available at* <https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region6/61500030.pdf>.

⁹³ GAO Report.

⁹⁴ *Id.* at 23-25.

⁹⁵ *Id.* at 1 & Appendix III.

⁹⁶ *Id.* at Appendix III pg. 45.

C. The generic Ursodiol market is susceptible to collusion

108. Structural features of the generic Ursodiol market make it susceptible to Defendants' cartelization. These features include: (1) a high degree of industry concentration; (2) the presence of significant barriers to entry; (3) inelastic demand caused by the lack of available substitutes; (4) a standardized product with a high degree of interchangeability between the products of cartel participants; and (5) inter-competitor contacts and communication.

1. Industry concentration facilitates collusion in the market for generic Ursodiol

109. A high degree of concentration facilitates the operation of a cartel because it makes it easier to coordinate behavior among co-conspirators. Here, Defendants control in excess of 90% of the generic Ursodiol market.

110. The limited number of generic Ursodiol manufacturers facilitated those Defendants' ability to coordinate pricing for generic Ursodiol. This concentration also made it easy for them to monitor prices in the downstream market and police deviations from agreed-upon prices.

111. While the market for Ursodiol is sufficiently concentrated to facilitate collusion, the years of low and stable pricing in the market establish that the number of manufacturers in the market was sufficient to drive competition. Absent collusion, prices would have remained at competitive levels.

112. No departures from the market by manufacturers of Ursodiol can explain the price increases.

113. Defendants have been able to maintain supracompetitive prices for Ursodiol without significant loss of market share to non-conspirators. Thus, Defendants have oligopolistic market power in the market for Ursodiol.

114. The magnitude of Defendants' price increases for Ursodiol distinguishes them from non-collusive oligopolistic pricing. Non-collusive oligopolistic pricing would be expected to proceed incrementally, as manufacturers test the waters to see if competitors will follow a price increase. But here the increases are extreme – jumping as much as 1500% in one fell swoop. Such extreme pricing moves are not rational in the absence of advance knowledge that competitors will join the increase.

2. There are high barriers to entry to the generic Ursodiol market

115. Supracompetitive pricing in a market normally attracts additional competitors who want to avail themselves of the high levels of profitability that are available. However, the presence of significant barriers to entry makes this more difficult and helps to facilitate the operation of a cartel.

116. There are significant capital, regulatory, and intellectual property barriers to entry in the generic Ursodiol markets that make such entry time-consuming and expensive.

117. Start-up costs and regulatory oversight represent substantial barriers to entry in the generic Ursodiol markets. Historically, the cost of filing an ANDA is about \$1 million.⁹⁷ A generic manufacturer's production facilities must also meet Current Good Manufacturing Practice, which increase the costs of production.

118. In addition to the significant out-of-pocket costs required to bring a drug to market, the approval process for generic drugs takes significant time. As Kansas Senator Jerry Moran commented on September 21, 2016 during Congressional hearings on the FDA's role in the generic drug market, "there are more than 4,000 generic drug applications currently awaiting approval,

⁹⁷ Testimony of Dr. Scott Gottlieb, Hearing on "Why Are Some Generic Drugs Skyrocketing in Price?" (Nov. 20, 2014), at 7.

and the median time it takes for the FDA to approve a generic is now 47 months or nearly four years.”⁹⁸ This significant delay for new market entrants effectively precludes new competition from eroding the supracompetitive prices imposed by the conspiracy.

3. Demand for generic Ursodiol is inelastic

119. A product exhibits completely inelastic demand if buyers will continue to buy it regardless of the price. No product is completely inelastic, but prescription medicines come close.

120. Demand for Defendants’ Ursodiol products is inelastic largely because, while they are somewhat interchangeable with one another, they cannot be substituted for other products given their pharmacological characteristics. Additionally, the incentives of actors in the Ursodiol market are not sensitive to price, as they are in most other markets. Doctors who prescribe Ursodiol have the best therapy and not the cheapest cost in mind; patients cannot write themselves a prescription for a cheaper substitute or comfortably forgo treatment; and pharmacies have no choice but to fill the prescription as written. When Defendants increased their Ursodiol prices, independent pharmacies could not simply purchase and dispense less-expensive alternative products.

121. In order for a cartel to profit from raising prices above competitive levels, demand must be sufficiently inelastic such that any loss in sales will be more than offset by increases in revenue on those sales that are made. Otherwise, increased prices would result in declining sales, as customers purchased substitute products or declined to buy altogether. Inelastic demand is a market characteristic that facilitates collusion, allowing producers to raise their prices without triggering customer substitution and lost sales revenue.

⁹⁸ Senator Moran, Statement (Sep. 21, 2016), *available at* <http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/092116-Chairman-Moran-Opening-Statement.pdf>.

4. Generic Ursodiol is a standardized product with a high degree of interchangeability

122. A commodity-like product is one that is standardized across suppliers and allows for a high degree of substitutability among different suppliers in the market. When products offered by different suppliers are viewed as interchangeable by purchasers, it is easier for the suppliers to agree on prices for the goods in question and to monitor those prices effectively.

123. Generic drugs of the same chemical composition are effectively commodity products because the primary mechanism through which they compete is price. When approving an ANDA, the FDA confirms that a generic drug product is bioequivalent to the brand name version of the drug. This allows pharmacists to substitute that generic for the brand name counterpart, as well as for any other generic that also is bioequivalent to the brand name product.

124. Defendants' generic Ursodiol products are bioequivalent generics of their brand name counterparts, enabling pharmacists to substitute them (any of them) for brand name products.

125. Moreover, because generic Ursodiol products are interchangeable, there is little utility in attempting to distinguish the products based on quality, branding or service. Accordingly, manufacturers generally spend little effort advertising or detailing (the practice of providing promotional materials and free samples to physicians) their generic compounds. The primary means for one generic manufacturer to differentiate its product from another's is through price competition.⁹⁹ The need to compete on price can drive producers of commodity products to conspire—as they did here—to fix prices.

⁹⁹ See, e.g., GAO Report at 23 (“If another manufacturer offers a lower price to a customer, manufacturers we interviewed indicated that they are usually asked to match it or risk losing market share to the other manufacturer.”).

5. Inter-competitor contacts and communications

126. As discussed above, Defendants' representatives met at conferences convened by customers and trade associations of customers [REDACTED] and NACDS), private industry dinners, and similar events. Moreover, Defendants are also members of and/or participants of the GPhA; thus, their representatives have many opportunities to meet and conspire at industry meetings.

127. As noted in press reports, "prosecutors are taking a close look at trade associations as part of their investigation as having been one potential avenue for facilitating the collusion between salespeople at different generic producers."¹⁰⁰

128. The State AG Complaint alleges that Defendants routinely coordinated their schemes through direct interaction with their competitors at industry trade shows, customer conferences, and other events. For example, Defendants Glazer and Malek admitted at their guilty plea hearings to engaging in discussions and attending meetings with competitors, during which they reached agreements to allocate customers, rig bids and fix prices of doxycycline hyclate and glyburide.

129. DOJ's and the Connecticut AG's investigations, and the grand jury subpoenas and investigative demands that have issued in conjunction with them, focus on inter-competitor communications. These types of communications are not unique or isolated, but are rampant; "[g]eneric drug manufacturers operate, through their respective senior leadership and marketing and sales executives, in a manner that fosters and promotes routine and direct interaction among their competitors."¹⁰¹ The sheer number of companies implicated in the investigations highlights

¹⁰⁰ PaRR Report.

¹⁰¹ State AG Amended Complaint ¶ 7.

the prevalence in the generic drug industry of the types of contacts and communications that facilitate collusion.

IX. THE STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS DO NOT BAR PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS

A. The Statutes of Limitations did not begin to run because Plaintiffs did not and could not discover Defendants' unlawful conspiracy

130. Plaintiffs had no knowledge of the combination or conspiracy alleged herein, or of facts sufficient to place them on inquiry notice of the claims set forth herein, until (at the earliest) Defendants' disclosures of the existence of the government investigations and subpoenas. Prior to that time, no information in the public domain or available to Plaintiffs suggested that any Defendant was involved in a criminal conspiracy to fix prices for generic Ursodiol.

131. No information evidencing antitrust violations was available in the public domain prior to the public announcements of the government investigations that revealed sufficient information to suggest that any of the defendants was involved in a criminal conspiracy to fix prices for generic Ursodiol.

132. Plaintiffs are purchasers who indirectly purchased generic Ursodiol manufactured by one or more Defendants. They had no direct contact or interaction with any of the Defendants in this case and had no means from which they could have discovered Defendants' conspiracy.

133. Defendants repeatedly and expressly stated throughout the Class Period, including on their public Internet websites, that they maintained antitrust/fair competition policies which prohibited the type of collusion alleged in this Complaint. For example, Allergan's (predecessor to Actavis) Code of Conduct states: "We support a free and open market, which is why we comply

with competition laws everywhere we do business and strive to always compete fairly.”¹⁰² Lannett’s Code of Business Conduct and Ethics “promotes compliance with laws.”¹⁰³

134. It was reasonable for members of the Class to believe that Defendants were complying with their own antitrust policies.

135. For these reasons, the statutes of limitations as to Plaintiffs’ claims under the federal and state common laws identified herein did not begin to run, and have been tolled with respect to the claims that Plaintiffs have alleged in this Complaint.

B. Fraudulent concealment tolled the Statutes of Limitations

136. In the alternative, application of the doctrine of fraudulent concealment tolled the statutes of limitations on the claims asserted by Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs had no knowledge of the combination or conspiracy alleged in this Complaint, or of facts sufficient to place them on inquiry notice of their claims, until Defendants disclosed the existence of government investigations and subpoenas. Prior to that time, no information in the public domain or available to Plaintiffs suggested that any Defendant was involved in a criminal conspiracy to fix prices for generic Ursodiol.

137. No information evidencing antitrust violations was available in the public domain prior to the public announcements of the government investigations that revealed sufficient information to suggest that any of the defendants was involved in a criminal conspiracy to fix prices for generic Ursodiol.

¹⁰² Allergan Code of Conduct, *available at* <http://www.allergan.com/investors/corporate-governance/code-of-conduct>.

¹⁰³ Lannett Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, *available at* http://www.lannett.com/docs/2013_Code_of_Business_Conduct_and_Ethics.pdf.

138. As described in more detail below, Defendants actively concealed, suppressed, and omitted to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes concerning Defendants' unlawful activities to artificially inflate prices for generic Ursodiol. The concealed, suppressed, and omitted facts would have been important to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes as they related to the cost of generic Ursodiol they purchased. Defendants misrepresented the real cause of price increases and/or the absence of price reductions in generic Ursodiol. Defendants' false statements and conduct concerning the prices of generic Ursodiol were deceptive as they had the tendency or capacity to mislead Plaintiffs and members of the Classes to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices established by a free and fair market.

1. Active concealment of the conspiracy

139. Defendants engaged in an illegal scheme to fix prices, allocate customers and rig bids. Criminal and civil penalties for engaging in such conduct are severe. Not surprisingly, Defendants took affirmative measures to conceal their conspiratorial conduct.

140. Through their misleading, deceptive, false and fraudulent statements, Defendants effectively concealed their conspiracy, thereby causing economic harm to Plaintiffs and the Classes. Defendants' misrepresentations regarding their price changes were intended to lull Plaintiffs and the Classes into accepting the price hikes as a normal result of competitive and economic market trends rather than as the consequence of Defendants' collusive acts. The public statements made by Defendants were designed to mislead Plaintiffs and the Classes into paying unjustifiably higher prices for generic Ursodiol.

141. As explained in the State AG complaint, the nature of the generic drug industry—which allows for frequent and repeated face-to-face meetings among competitors—means that “Most of the conspiratorial communications were intentionally done in person or by cell phone, in

an attempt to avoid creating a record of their illegal conduct. The generic drug industry, through the aforementioned opportunities to collude at trade shows, customer events and smaller more intimate dinners and meetings, allowed these communications to perpetuate.”¹⁰⁴

142. These types of false statements and others made by Defendants helped conceal the illegal conspiracy entered into by Defendants to fix, stabilize, maintain and raise the price of generic Ursodiol to inflated, supracompetitive levels.

2. Plaintiffs exercised reasonable diligence

143. Defendants’ anticompetitive conspiracy, by its very nature, was self-concealing. Generic drugs are not exempt from antitrust regulation, and thus, before the disclosure of the government investigations, Plaintiffs reasonably considered the markets to be competitive. Accordingly, a reasonable person under the circumstances would not have been alerted to investigate the legitimacy of Defendants’ prices before these disclosures.

144. Because of the deceptive practices and techniques of secrecy employed by Defendants and their co-conspirators to conceal their illicit conduct, Plaintiffs and the Classes could not have discovered the conspiracy at an earlier date by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

145. Therefore, the running of any statutes of limitations has been tolled for all claims alleged by Plaintiffs and the Classes as a result of Defendants’ anticompetitive and unlawful conduct. Despite the exercise of reasonable diligence, Plaintiffs and Members of the Classes were unaware of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, and did not know that they were paying supracompetitive prices throughout the United States during the Class Period.

146. For these reasons, Plaintiffs’ claims are timely under all of the federal, state and common laws identified herein.

¹⁰⁴ State AG Amended Complaint ¶ 13.

X. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

147. This Complaint alleges a continuing course of conduct (including conduct within the limitations periods), and defendants' unlawful conduct has inflicted continuing and accumulating harm within the applicable statutes of limitations. As shown in the price charts above, Defendants continue to benefit from the effects of the conspiratorial price increases, as prices have not returned to the stable levels seen before the steep increases. Thus, Plaintiffs and the members of the Damages Class can recover for damages that they suffered during any applicable limitations period.

XI. DEFENDANTS' ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS

148. During the Class Period, set forth below, Defendants engaged in a continuing agreement, understanding, and conspiracy in restraint of trade to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix raise and/or stabilize prices for Ursodiol sold in the United States.

149. In formulating and effectuating the contract, combination or conspiracy, Defendants identified above and their co-conspirators engaged in anticompetitive activities, the purpose and effect of which were to allocate customers, rig bids and artificially fix, raise, maintain, and/or stabilize the price of Ursodiol sold in the United States. These activities included the following:

- (a) Participating, directing, authorizing, or consenting to the participation of subordinate employees in meetings, conversations, and communications with co-conspirators to discuss the sale and pricing of Ursodiol in the United States;
- (b) Participating, directing, authorizing, or consenting to the participation of subordinate employees in meetings, conversations, and communications with co-conspirators to allocate customers or rig bids for Ursodiol sold in the United States;
- (c) Agreeing during those meetings, conversations, and communications to allocate customers for Ursodiol sold in the

United States;

- (d) Agreeing during those meetings, conversations, and communications not to compete against each other for certain customers for Ursodiol sold in the United States;
- (e) Submitting bids, withholding bids, and issuing price proposal in accordance with the agreements reached;
- (f) Selling Ursodiol in the United States at collusive and noncompetitive prices; and
- (g) Accepting payment for Ursodiol sold in the United States at collusive and noncompetitive prices.

150. Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in the activities described above for the purpose of effectuating the unlawful agreements described in this Complaint.

151. During and throughout the period of the conspiracy alleged in this Complaint, Plaintiffs and members of the Classes indirectly purchased Ursodiol at inflated and supracompetitive prices.

152. Defendants' contract, combination and conspiracy constitutes an unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce in violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1, 3) and the laws of various IRP Damages Jurisdictions enumerated below.

153. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Classes have been injured in their business and property in that they have paid more for Ursodiol than they would have paid in competitive markets.

154. General economic principles recognize that any overcharge at a higher level of distribution generally results in higher prices at every level below. Moreover, the institutional structure of pricing and regulation in the pharmaceutical drug industry assures that overcharges at the higher level of distribution are passed on to independent pharmacists, who cannot negotiate their acquisition costs. Wholesalers passed on the inflated prices to Plaintiffs and members of the

Class. The impairment of generic competition at the direct purchaser level similarly injured Plaintiffs who were equally denied the opportunity to purchase less expensive generic versions of Ursodiol.

155. The unlawful contract, combination and conspiracy has had the following effects, among others:

- (a) price competition in the market for Ursodiol has been artificially restrained;
- (b) prices for Ursodiol sold by Defendants have been raised, fixed, maintained, or stabilized at artificially high and non-competitive levels; and
- (c) purchasers of Ursodiol sold by Defendants have been deprived of the benefit of free and open competition in the market for Ursodiol.

XII. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

156. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and as a class action under Rule 23(a) and (b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, seeking equitable and injunctive relief on behalf of the following class (the “Nationwide Class”):

All privately held pharmacies in the United States and its territories that purchased Defendants’ generic Ursodiol products (including 300 mg capsules) from May 1, 2014 through the present.

This class excludes: (a) defendants, their officers, directors, management, employees, subsidiaries and affiliates; (b) any pharmacies owned in part by judges or justices involved in this action or any members of their immediate families; (c) all pharmacies owned or operated by publicly traded companies.

157. Plaintiffs also bring this action on behalf of themselves and as a class action under Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure seeking damages pursuant to the common law of unjust enrichment and the state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer

protection laws of the states and territories listed below (the “IRP Damages Jurisdictions”)¹⁰⁵ on behalf of the following class (the “Damages Class”):

All privately held pharmacies in the IRP Damages Jurisdictions that purchased Defendants’ generic Ursodiol products (including 300 mg capsules) from May 1, 2014 through the present.¹⁰⁶

This class excludes: (a) defendants, their officers, directors, management, employees, subsidiaries and affiliates; (b) any pharmacies owned in part by judges or justices involved in this action or any members of their immediate families; (c) all pharmacies owned or operated by publicly traded companies.

158. The Nationwide Class and the Damages Class are referred to herein as the “Classes.”

159. While Plaintiffs do not know the exact number of the members of the Classes, rosters of members of national independent pharmacy organizations indicate that there are at least 20,000 members in each class.

160. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Classes. This is particularly true given the nature of Defendants’ conspiracy, which was generally applicable to all the members of both Classes, thereby making appropriate relief with respect to the Classes as a whole. Such questions of law and fact common to the Classes include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Whether Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a combination and conspiracy among themselves to fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize prices of generic Ursodiol and/or engaged in market allocation for generic Ursodiol sold in the United States;

¹⁰⁵ The IRP Damages Jurisdictions, for purposes of this complaint, are: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

¹⁰⁶ Plaintiffs may seek to certify state classes rather than a single Damages Class. See ¶ 165.

- (b) The identity of the participants of the alleged conspiracy;
- (c) The duration of the alleged conspiracy and the acts carried out by Defendants and their co-conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy;
- (d) Whether the alleged conspiracy violated the Sherman Act, as alleged in the First Count;
- (e) Whether the alleged conspiracy violated state antitrust and unfair competition laws, and/or state consumer protection laws, as alleged in the Second and Third Counts;
- (f) Whether Defendants unjustly enriched themselves to the detriment of the Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes, thereby entitling Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes to disgorgement of all benefits derived by Defendants, as alleged in the Fourth Count;
- (g) Whether the conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators, as alleged in this Complaint, caused injury to the business or property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes;
- (h) The effect of the alleged conspiracy on the prices of generic Ursodiol sold in the United States during the Class Period;
- (i) Whether the Defendants and their co-conspirators actively concealed, suppressed, and omitted to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes concerning Defendants' unlawful activities to artificially inflate prices for generic Ursodiol, and/or fraudulently concealed the unlawful conspiracy's existence from Plaintiffs and the other members of the Classes;
- (j) The appropriate injunctive and related equitable relief for the Nationwide Class; and
- (k) The appropriate class-wide measure of damages for the Damages Class.

161. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Classes. Plaintiffs and all members of the Classes are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in that they paid artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol purchased indirectly from Defendants and/or

their co-conspirators. Plaintiffs' claims arise out of the same common course of conduct giving rise to the claims of the other members of the Classes.

162. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Classes. Plaintiffs' interests are coincident with, and not antagonistic to, those of the other members of the Classes. Plaintiffs are represented by counsel who are competent and experienced in the prosecution of antitrust and class action litigation.

163. The questions of law and fact common to the members of the Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and factual issues relating to liability and damages.

164. Class action treatment is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, in that, among other things, such treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently and without the unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. The benefits of proceeding through the class mechanism, including providing injured persons or entities with a method for obtaining redress for claims that might not be practicable to pursue individually, substantially outweigh any difficulties that may arise in management of this class action. Plaintiffs reserve the discretion to certify the Damages Class as separate classes for each of the IRP Damages Jurisdictions or as separate classes for certain groups of IRP Damages Jurisdictions, should the Court's subsequent decisions in this case render that approach more efficient. Whether certified together or separately, the total number and identity of the members of the Damages Class would remain consistent.

165. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Classes would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants.

XIII. CAUSES OF ACTION

FIRST COUNT

Violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class)

166. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

167. Defendants and their unnamed co-conspirators entered into and engaged in a contract, combination, or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade in violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1, 3).

168. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators entered into a continuing agreement, understanding and conspiracy in restraint of trade to artificially allocate customers, rig bids and raise, maintain and fix prices for generic Ursodiol, thereby creating anticompetitive effects.

169. The conspiratorial acts and combinations have caused unreasonable restraints in the market for generic Ursodiol.

170. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and other similarly situated independent pharmacies in the Nationwide Class who purchased generic Ursodiol have been harmed by being forced to pay inflated, supracompetitive prices for generic Ursodiol.

171. In formulating and carrying out the alleged agreement, understanding and conspiracy, Defendants and their co-conspirators did those things that they combined and

conspired to do, including, but not limited to, the acts, practices and course of conduct set forth herein.

172. Defendants' conspiracy had the following effects, among others:

- (a) Price competition in the market for generic Ursodiol has been restrained, suppressed, and/or eliminated in the United States;
- (b) Prices for generic Ursodiol provided by Defendants and their co-conspirators have been fixed, raised, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high, non-competitive levels throughout the United States; and
- (c) Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class who purchased generic Ursodiol indirectly from Defendants and their co-conspirators have been deprived of the benefits of free and open competition.

173. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class have been injured and will continue to be injured in their business and property by paying more for generic Ursodiol purchased indirectly from Defendants and the co-conspirators than they would have paid and will pay in the absence of the conspiracy.

174. Defendants' contract, combination, or conspiracy is a *per se* violation of the federal antitrust laws.

175. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class are entitled to an injunction against Defendants, preventing and restraining the continuing violations alleged herein.

SECOND COUNT

Violation of State Antitrust Statutes¹⁰⁷ **(on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class)**

176. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

¹⁰⁷ Statutory antitrust violations are alleged herein for the following jurisdictions: Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland,

177. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy with respect to the sale of generic Ursodiol in unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce and in violation of the various state antitrust and other statutes set forth below.

178. The contract, combination, or conspiracy consisted of an agreement among Defendants and their co-conspirators to fix, raise, inflate, stabilize, and/or maintain the prices of generic Ursodiol and to allocate customers for generic Ursodiol in the United States.

179. In formulating and effectuating this conspiracy, Defendants and their co-conspirators performed acts in furtherance of the combination and conspiracy, including:

- (a) participating in meetings and conversations among themselves in the United States and elsewhere during which they agreed to price generic Ursodiol at certain levels, and otherwise to fix, increase, inflate, maintain, or stabilize effective prices paid by Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class with respect to generic Ursodiol provided in the United States; and
- (b) participating in meetings and trade association conversations among themselves in the United States and elsewhere to implement, adhere to, and police the unlawful agreements they reached.

180. Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in the actions described above for the purpose of carrying out their unlawful agreement to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix prices for generic Ursodiol. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.

Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

181. In addition, Defendants have profited significantly from the conspiracy. Defendants' profits derived from their anticompetitive conduct come at the expense and detriment of plaintiffs and the members of the Damages Class.

182. Accordingly, plaintiffs and the members of the Damages Class in each of the following jurisdictions seek damages (including statutory damages where applicable), to be trebled or otherwise increased as permitted by a particular jurisdiction's antitrust law, and costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent permitted by the following state laws.

183. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing, willful and constitute violations or flagrant violations of the following state antitrust statutes:

184. **Alabama:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Alabama Code § 6-5-60, et seq. Defendants' combinations and conspiracy had the following effects: (1) price competition for generic Ursodiol was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Alabama; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Alabama. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Alabama commerce. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Alabama Code § 6-5-60, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Alabama Code § 6-5-60, et seq.

185. **Arizona:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Arizona Revised Statutes, § 44-1401, et seq. Defendants' combination and conspiracy had the following effects: (1) price competition for generic Ursodiol was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Arizona; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Arizona. During the Class Period,

Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Arizona commerce. Defendants' violations of Arizona law were flagrant. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1401, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1401, et seq.

186. **California:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of California Business and Professions Code § 16700 et seq. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators entered into and engaged in a continuing unlawful trust in restraint of the trade and commerce described above in violation of California Business and Professions Code §16720. Defendants, and each of them, have acted in violation of § 16720 to fix, raise, stabilize, and maintain prices of generic Ursodiol at supracompetitive levels. The aforesaid violations of § 16720 consisted, without limitation, of a continuing unlawful trust and concert of action among Defendants and their co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices of generic Ursodiol. For the purpose of forming and effectuating the unlawful trust, Defendants and their co-conspirators have done those things which they combined and conspired to do, including, but not limited to, the acts, practices and course of conduct set forth above and creating a price floor, fixing, raising, and stabilizing the price of generic Ursodiol. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had, *inter alia*, the following effects: (1) price competition for generic Ursodiol has been restrained, suppressed, and/or eliminated in the State of California; (2) prices for generic Ursodiol provided by Defendants and their co-conspirators have been fixed, raised, stabilized, and pegged at artificially high, non-

competitive levels in the State of California; and (3) those who purchased generic Ursodiol indirectly from Defendants and their co-conspirators have been deprived of the benefit of free and open competition. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for generic Ursodiol than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected California commerce. As a result of Defendants' violation of § 16720, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek treble damages and their cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code § 16750(a).

187. **District of Columbia:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of District of Columbia Code Annotated § 28-4501, et seq. Defendants' combination and conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout the District of Columbia; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the District of Columbia; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class, including those who resided in the District of Columbia and/or purchased generic Ursodiol in the District of Columbia that were shipped by Defendants or their co-conspirators into the District of Columbia, were deprived of free and open competition, including in the District of Columbia; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class, including those who resided in the District of Columbia and/or purchased generic Ursodiol in the District of Columbia that were shipped by Defendants or their co-conspirators, paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol, including in the District of Columbia. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected District of Columbia commerce. As a direct and proximate result of

Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of District of Columbia Code Ann. § 28-4501, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under District of Columbia Code Ann. § 28-4501, et seq.

188. ~~Illinois: Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Illinois Antitrust Act (740 Illinois Compiled Statutes 10/1, et seq.) Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Illinois; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Illinois. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Illinois commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under the Illinois Antitrust Act.~~¹⁰⁸

189. **Iowa:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Iowa Code § 553.1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Iowa; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Iowa. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Iowa commerce. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into

¹⁰⁸ Plaintiffs acknowledge that this claim was dismissed with prejudice by the Court's February 15, 2019 Order (16-md-2724 Dkt. 858) and reassert the claim here solely for purposes of preservation for appeal.

an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Iowa Code § 553.1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Iowa Code § 553, et seq.

190. **Kansas:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Kansas Statutes Annotated, § 50-101, et seq. Defendants' combined capital, skills or acts for the purposes of creating restrictions in trade or commerce of generic Ursodiol, increasing the prices of generic Ursodiol, preventing competition in the sale of generic Ursodiol, or binding themselves not to sell generic Ursodiol, in a manner that established the price of generic Ursodiol and precluded free and unrestricted competition among themselves in the sale of generic Ursodiol, in violation of Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Kansas; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Kansas. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Kansas commerce. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Kansas Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Kansas Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq.

191. **Maine:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Maine Revised Statutes (Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, § 1101, et seq.) Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Maine; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Maine. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Maine commerce. By reason of the

foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, § 1101, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, § 1101, et seq.

192. **Michigan:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated § 445.771, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Michigan; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Michigan. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Michigan commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Michigan Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.771, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Michigan Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.771, et seq.

193. **Minnesota:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Minnesota Annotated Statutes § 325D.49, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Minnesota; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Minnesota. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Minnesota commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of

Minnesota Stat. § 325D.49, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Minnesota Stat. § 325D.49, et seq.

194. **Mississippi:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Mississippi Code Annotated § 75-21-1, et seq. Trusts are combinations, contracts, understandings or agreements, express or implied when inimical to the public welfare and with the effect of, *inter alia*, restraining trade, increasing the price or output of a commodity, or hindering competition in the production and sale of a commodity. Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-1. Defendants' combination or conspiracy was in a manner inimical to public welfare and had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Mississippi; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Mississippi. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Mississippi commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Mississippi Code Ann. § 75-21-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Mississippi Code Ann. § 75-21-1, et seq.

195. **Nebraska:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Nebraska Revised Statutes § 59-801, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nebraska; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nebraska. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nebraska commerce. As a direct and proximate result of

Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Nebraska Revised Statutes § 59-801, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Nebraska Revised Statutes § 59-801, et seq.

196. **Nevada:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes Annotated § 598A.010, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nevada; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nevada. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nevada commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Nevada Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.010, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Nevada Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.010, et seq.

197. **New Hampshire:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New Hampshire Revised Statutes § 356:1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Hampshire; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Hampshire. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Hampshire commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the

Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New Hampshire Revised Statutes § 356:1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under New Hampshire Revised Statutes § 356:1, et seq.

198. **New Mexico:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New Mexico Statutes Annotated § 57-1-1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Mexico; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Mexico. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Mexico commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New Mexico Stat. Ann. § 57-1-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under New Mexico Stat. Ann. § 57-1-1, et seq.

199. **New York:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New York General Business Law § 340, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New York; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New York that were higher than they would have been absent Defendants' illegal acts. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New York commerce. As a direct and proximate result of

Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New York General Business Law § 340, et seq. The conduct set forth above is a per se violation of the Act. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under New York Gen. Bus. Law § 340, et seq.

200. **North Carolina:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the North Carolina General Statutes § 75-1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Carolina; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Carolina. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected North Carolina commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1, et. seq.

201. **North Dakota:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of North Dakota Century Code § 51-08.1-01, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Dakota; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Dakota. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on North Dakota commerce. As

a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of North Dakota Cent. Code § 51-08.1-01, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under North Dakota Cent. Code § 51-08.1-01, et seq.

202. **Oregon:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Oregon Revised Statutes § 646.705, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Oregon; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Oregon. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Oregon commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Oregon Revised Statutes § 646.705, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Oregon Revised Statutes § 646.705, et seq.

203. **Rhode Island:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Rhode Island Antitrust Act, Rhode Island General Laws § 6-36-1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Rhode Island; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Rhode Island. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on

Rhode Island commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property on or after July 15, 2013, and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 6-36-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Rhode Island General Laws § 6-36-1, et seq.

204. **South Dakota:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of South Dakota Codified Laws § 37-1-3.1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout South Dakota; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout South Dakota. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on South Dakota commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of South Dakota Codified Laws Ann. § 37-1-3.1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under South Dakota Codified Laws Ann. § 37-1-3.1, et seq.

205. **Tennessee:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated § 47-25-101, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Tennessee; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Tennessee. During the Class Period,

Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Tennessee commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Tennessee Code Ann. § 47-25-101, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Tennessee Code Ann. § 47-25-101, et seq.

206. **Utah:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Utah Code Annotated § 76-10-3101, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Utah; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Utah. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Utah commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Utah Code Annotated § 76-10-3101, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Utah Code Annotated § 76-10-3101, et seq.

207. **Vermont:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 § 2453, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Vermont; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Vermont. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Vermont commerce. As a direct and proximate result of

Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 § 2453, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 § 2453, et seq.

208. **West Virginia:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of West Virginia Code § 47-18-1, et seq. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing, willful, and constitute violations or flagrant violations of West Virginia Antitrust Act. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout West Virginia; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout West Virginia. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on West Virginia commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of West Virginia Code § 47-18-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under West Virginia Code § 47-18-1, et seq.

209. **Wisconsin:** Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Wisconsin Statutes § 133.01, et seq. Defendants' and their co-conspirators' anticompetitive activities have directly, foreseeably and proximately caused injury to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes in the United States. Specifically, Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained,

suppressed, and eliminated throughout Wisconsin; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Wisconsin. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on the people of Wisconsin and Wisconsin commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Wisconsin Stat. § 133.01, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Wisconsin Stat. § 133.01, et seq.

209a. Connecticut: Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 35-26 and § 35-28. Defendants' combination or conspiracy described above had the following effects during the class period: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Connecticut; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Connecticut. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property on or after July 10, 2017, and are threatened with further injury. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 35-34 and § 35-35. Plaintiffs have provided a copy of this complaint to the Attorney General as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 35-37.

209b. Maryland: Defendants have “unreasonably restrain[ed] trade” by “contract, combination or conspiracy” in violation of Md. Code, Com. Law § 11-204(a)(1). During the class period, throughout Maryland, Defendants' combination or conspiracy restrained, suppressed, and

eliminated price competition for generic Ursodiol and raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized generic Ursodiol prices at artificially high levels. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property on or after October 1, 2017, and are threatened with further injury. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Md. Code, Com. Law § 11-209(b).

210. **As to All Jurisdictions Above:** Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class in each of the above jurisdictions have been injured in their business and property by reason of Defendants' unlawful combination, contract, conspiracy and agreement. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have paid more for generic Ursodiol than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. This injury is of the type the antitrust laws of the above states were designed to prevent and flows from that which makes Defendants' conduct unlawful.

211. In addition, Defendants have profited significantly from the aforesaid conspiracy. Defendants' profits derived from their anticompetitive conduct come at the expense and detriment of Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class.

212. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class in each of the above jurisdictions seek damages (including statutory damages where applicable), to be trebled or otherwise increased as permitted by a particular jurisdiction's antitrust law, and costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent permitted by the above state laws.

THIRD COUNT

Violation of State Consumer Protection Statutes¹⁰⁹ (on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class)

213. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

214. Defendants engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the state consumer protection and unfair competition statutes listed below.

215. **Alaska:** Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Alaska Statute § 45.50.471, *et seq.* Defendants knowingly agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining at non-competitive and artificially inflated levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in Alaska and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants constituted “unconscionable” and “deceptive” acts or practices in violation of Alaska law. Defendants’ unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Alaska; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Alaska. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected Alaska commerce and consumers. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or

¹⁰⁹ Statutory consumer protection / deceptive trade violations are alleged herein for the following jurisdictions: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, ~~Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the U.S. Virgin Islands.~~

deceptive acts or practices in violation of Alaska Stat. § 45.50.471, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

216. **Arkansas:** Defendants have knowingly entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Arkansas Code Annotated, § 4-88-101, *et seq.* Defendants knowingly agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining at non-competitive and artificially inflated levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in Arkansas and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. Defendants Epic and Lannett increased prices of Ursodiol, a medical supply, by 10% or more during the 30 days following a declaration of a state of emergency in Arkansas, in violation of A.C.A. § 4-88-303 *et seq.*¹¹⁰ The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants constituted “unconscionable” and “deceptive” acts or practices in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated, § 4-88-107(a)(10). Defendants’ unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Arkansas; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Arkansas. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected Arkansas commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in

¹¹⁰ States of emergency for Arkansas were declared on at least January 3, 2013; January 17, 2014; March 3, 2014; April 28, 2014; and February 18, 2015; and September 8, 2015.

violation of Arkansas Code Annotated, § 4-88-107(a)(10) and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

217. California: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of California Business and Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.* During the Class Period, Defendants manufactured, marketed, sold, or distributed generic Ursodiol in California, and committed and continue to commit acts of unfair competition, as defined by § 17200, *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code, by engaging in the acts and practices specified above. This claim is instituted pursuant to §§ 17203 and 17204 of the California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from these Defendants for acts, as alleged herein, that violated § 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code, commonly known as the Unfair Competition Law. Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated § 17200. The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a common, continuous, and continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair, unlawful, and/or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code §17200, *et seq.*, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) the violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, as set forth above; (2) the violations of § 16720, *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code, set forth above. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of § 16720, *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code, and whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair, unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent; (3) Defendants' acts or practices are unfair to purchasers of generic Ursodiol in the State of California within the meaning of § 17200, California Business and Professions Code; (4) Defendants' acts and practices are fraudulent or deceptive

within the meaning of Section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code; and (5) Defendants unlawfully raised prices of Ursodiol, a medical supply, by more than 10% during the 30 days following a declaration of a state of emergency in California, in violation of the California Penal Code § 396, thereby committing “unlawful” and “unfair” prohibited business practices under § 17200.¹¹¹ Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected California commerce and consumers. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no indication that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, have caused and continue to cause Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class to pay supracompetitive and artificially-inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair competition. The conduct of Defendants as alleged in this Complaint violates § 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by Defendants’ unfair competition. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class are accordingly entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings,

¹¹¹ States of Emergency for California were declared on at least August 22, 2012; July 12, 2013; August 9, 2013; August 22, 2013; August 23, 2013; September 20, 2013; September 30, 2013; October 31, 2013; January 17, 2014; April 29, 2014; May 14, 2014; August 2, 2014; August 24, 2014; September 17, 2014; December 22, 2014; May 19, 2015; May 20, 2015; July 22, 2015; July 31, 2015; September 11, 2015; September 13, 2015; December 18, 2015; February 1, 2016; February 19, 2016; April 19, 2016; June 7, 2016; June 24, 2016; July 26, 2016; July 9, 2016; and August 16, 2016.

profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business practices, pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code, §§17203 and 17204.

218. **Colorado:** Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Colorado Consumer Protection Act, Colorado Rev. Stat. § 6-1-101, *et seq.* Defendants engaged in an unfair and deceptive trade practices during the course of their business dealings, which significantly impacted Plaintiffs as actual or potential consumers of the Defendants' goods and which caused Plaintiffs to suffer injury. Defendants took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Colorado; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Colorado. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Colorado commerce and consumers. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Colorado Rev. Stat. § 6-1-101, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.

219. **Delaware:** Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Delaware Consumer Fraud Act, 6 Del. Code § 2511, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in Delaware, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in Delaware. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that

Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Delaware; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Delaware. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Delaware commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of 6 Del. Code § 2511, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

220. **Florida:** Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Fla. Stat. § 501.201, *et seq.* Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Florida; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Florida. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Florida commerce and consumers. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or

deceptive acts or practices in violation of Florida Stat. § 501.201, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

~~221. Georgia: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Georgia Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Georgia Code § 10-1-370, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in Georgia, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in Georgia. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Georgia; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Georgia. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Georgia commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above and are threatened with further injury. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of~~

~~Georgia Code § 10-1-370, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.~~¹¹²

~~222. Michigan: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Statute, Mich. Compiled Laws § 445.903, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in Michigan, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in Michigan. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Michigan; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Michigan. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Michigan commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were~~

¹¹² Plaintiffs acknowledge that this claim was dismissed with prejudice by the Court's February 15, 2019 Order (16-md-2724 Dkt. 858) and reassert the claim here solely for purposes of preservation for appeal.

~~purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of Mich. Compiled Laws § 445.903, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.~~

223. **Minnesota:** Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Minnesota Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Minn. Stat. § 325D.43, *et seq.* Defendants engaged in an unfair and deceptive trade practices during the course of their business dealings, which significantly impacted Plaintiffs as actual or potential consumers of the Defendants' goods and which caused Plaintiffs to suffer injury. Defendants took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Minnesota; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Minnesota. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Minnesota commerce and consumers. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Minn. Stat. § 325D.43, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.

224. **Nebraska:** Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Nebraska Consumer Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601, *et seq.* Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nebraska; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nebraska. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or

distributed generic Ursodiol in Nebraska, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nebraska commerce and consumers. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

225. Nevada: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in Nevada, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in Nevada. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nevada; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nevada. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Nevada commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were

~~purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.~~

226. New Hampshire: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act, N.H. Rev. Stat. § 358-A:1, *et seq.* Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Hampshire; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Hampshire. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or distributed generic Ursodiol in New Hampshire, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Hampshire commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.H. Rev. Stat. § 358-A:1, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

227. New Jersey: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J. Statutes § 56:8-1, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in New Jersey, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in New Jersey. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for

generic Ursodiol. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Jersey; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Jersey. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on New Jersey commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of N.J. Statutes § 56:8-1, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

228. New Mexico: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-1, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining at non-competitive and artificially inflated levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed or obtained in New Mexico and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants constituted "unconscionable trade practices," in violation of

N.M.S.A. Stat. § 57-12-3, in that such conduct, *inter alia*, resulted in a gross disparity between the value received by Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class and the prices paid by them for generic Ursodiol as set forth in N.M.S.A., § 57-12-2E. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were not aware of Defendants' price-fixing conspiracy and were therefore unaware that they were being unfairly and illegally overcharged. Defendants had the sole power to set that price, and Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class had no power to negotiate a lower price. Moreover, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class lacked any meaningful choice in purchasing generic Ursodiol because they were unaware of the unlawful overcharge, and there was no alternative source of supply through which Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class could avoid the overcharges. Defendants' conduct with regard to sales of generic Ursodiol, including their illegal conspiracy to secretly fix the price of generic Ursodiol at supracompetitive levels and overcharge consumers, was substantively unconscionable because it was one-sided and unfairly benefited Defendants at the expense of Plaintiffs and the public. Defendants took grossly unfair advantage of Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The suppression of competition that has resulted from Defendants' conspiracy has ultimately resulted in unconscionably higher prices for consumers so that there was a gross disparity between the price paid and the value received for generic Ursodiol. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Mexico; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Mexico. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Mexico commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or

practices in violation of New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-1, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

229. New York: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed or obtained in New York and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. Defendants and their co-conspirators made public statements about the prices of generic Ursodiol that either omitted material information that rendered the statements that they made materially misleading or affirmatively misrepresented the real cause of price increases for generic Ursodiol; and Defendants alone possessed material information that was relevant to consumers, but failed to provide the information. Because of Defendants' unlawful trade practices in the State of New York, New York class members who indirectly purchased generic Ursodiol were misled to believe that they were paying a fair price for generic Ursodiol or the price increases for generic Ursodiol were for valid business reasons; and similarly situated consumers were affected by Defendants' conspiracy. Defendants knew that their unlawful trade practices with respect to pricing generic Ursodiol would have an impact on New York consumers and not just Defendants' direct customers. Defendants knew that their unlawful trade practices with respect to pricing generic Ursodiol would have a broad impact, causing consumer class members who indirectly purchased generic Ursodiol to be injured by paying more for generic Ursodiol than they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful trade acts and practices. The conduct of Defendants described herein constitutes consumer-oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus.

Law § 349, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of consumers in New York State in an honest marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New York; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New York. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or distributed generic Ursodiol in New York, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New York commerce and consumers. During the Class Period, each of Defendants named herein, directly, or indirectly and through affiliates they dominated and controlled, manufactured, sold and/or distributed generic Ursodiol in New York. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available pursuant to N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349(h).

230. **North Carolina:** Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed or obtained in North Carolina and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. Defendants' price-fixing conspiracy could not have succeeded absent deceptive conduct by Defendants to cover up their illegal acts. Secrecy was integral to the formation, implementation and maintenance of Defendants' price-fixing conspiracy. Defendants committed inherently deceptive and self-concealing actions, of which Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class could not possibly have been aware. Defendants and their co-conspirators publicly provided pretextual and false justifications regarding their price increases. Defendants' public statements concerning the price

of generic Ursodiol created the illusion of competitive pricing controlled by market forces rather than supracompetitive pricing driven by Defendants' illegal conspiracy. Moreover, Defendants deceptively concealed their unlawful activities by mutually agreeing not to divulge the existence of the conspiracy to outsiders. Defendants Epic and Lannett charged "unreasonably excessive" prices for Ursodiol, which is a good "consumed or used to preserve, protect, or sustain life, health, safety, or economic well-being of persons or their property," in the 45 days following a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor, in violation of North Carolina. Gen..Stat. § 75-38 and § 75-1.1.¹¹³ The conduct of Defendants described herein constitutes consumer-oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of North Carolina law, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of North Carolina consumers in an honest marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Carolina; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Carolina. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or distributed generic Ursodiol in North Carolina, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected North Carolina commerce and consumers. During the Class Period, each of Defendants named herein, directly, or indirectly and through affiliates they dominated and controlled, manufactured, sold and/or distributed generic Ursodiol in North Carolina. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek actual damages for their injuries caused by these violations in an amount to be determined at trial

¹¹³ States of Emergency for North Carolina were declared on at least October 29, 2012; March 12, 2013; June 14, 2013; September 12, 2013; January 28, 2014; February 11, 2014; April 28, 2014; July 2, 2014; January 26, 2015; February 16, 2015; February 25, 2015; October 1, 2015; January 20, 2016; and February 17, 2016.

and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

231. **North Dakota:** Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the North Dakota Unlawful Sales or Advertising Practices Statute, N.D. Century Code § 51-15-01, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in North Dakota, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in North Dakota. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Dakota; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Dakota. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on North Dakota commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all

purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of N.D. Century Code § 51-15-01, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

232. South Carolina: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10, *et seq.* Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout South Carolina; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout South Carolina. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on South Carolina commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and the members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.¹¹⁴

233. South Dakota: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the South Dakota Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Statute, S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-1, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in South Dakota, by affecting,

¹¹⁴ Plaintiffs acknowledge that this claim was dismissed with prejudice by the Court's February 15, 2019 Order (16-md-2724 Dkt. 858) and reassert the claim here solely for purposes of preservation for appeal.

fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in South Dakota. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout South Dakota; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout South Dakota. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected South Dakota commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Ursodiol they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-1, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

234. ~~West Virginia: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit~~

and Protection Act, W.Va. Code § 46A-6-101, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes West Virginia, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in West Virginia. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Defendants affirmatively misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout West Virginia; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout West Virginia. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected West Virginia commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Ursodiol they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or

~~deceptive acts or practices in violation of W.Va. Code § 46A-6-101, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.~~¹¹⁵

235. Wisconsin: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Wisconsin Consumer Protection Statutes, Wisc. Stat. § 100.18, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes Wisconsin, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in Wisconsin. Defendants affirmatively misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Wisconsin; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Wisconsin. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Wisconsin commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations concerning the price of generic Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the

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Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Ursodiol they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Wisc. Stat. § 100.18, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

236. U.S. Virgin Islands: Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the U.S. Virgin Islands Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 12A V.I.C. §§ 102, 301-35, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes U.S.V.I., by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Ursodiol were sold, distributed, or obtained in U.S.V.I. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol. Defendants affirmatively misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Ursodiol prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Ursodiol price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout U.S.V.I.; (2) generic Ursodiol prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout U.S.V.I.. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected U.S.V.I. commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above and are threatened with further injury. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic

Ursodiol, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Ursodiol at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Ursodiol they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of 12A V.I.C. §§ 102, 301-35, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.

FOURTH COUNT

Unjust Enrichment¹¹⁶
(on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class)

237. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

238. To the extent required, this claim is pleaded in the alternative to the other claims in this Complaint. This claim is brought under the equity precedents of each of the IRP Damages Jurisdictions.

239. Defendants have unlawfully benefited from their sales of generic Ursodiol because of the unlawful and inequitable acts alleged in this Complaint. Defendants unlawfully overcharged privately held pharmacies, who purchased generic Ursodiol at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' unlawful actions.

¹¹⁶ Unjust enrichment claims are alleged herein under the laws of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

240. Defendants' financial benefits resulting from their unlawful and inequitable acts are traceable to overpayments by Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class.

241. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred upon Defendants an economic benefit, in the nature of profits resulting from unlawful overcharges, to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

242. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for generic Ursodiol while Plaintiffs have been impoverished by the overcharges they paid for generic Ursodiol imposed through Defendants' unlawful conduct. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' impoverishment are connected.

243. There is no justification for Defendants' retention of, and enrichment from, the benefits they received, which caused impoverishment to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid suprarevenue prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges.

244. Plaintiffs did not interfere with Defendants' affairs in any manner that conferred these benefits upon Defendants.

245. The benefits conferred upon Defendants were not gratuitous, in that they constituted revenue created by unlawful overcharges arising from Defendants' illegal and unfair actions to inflate the prices of generic Ursodiol.

246. The benefits conferred upon Defendants are measurable, in that the revenue Defendants have earned due to their unlawful overcharges of generic Ursodiol are ascertainable by review of sales records.

247. It would be futile for Plaintiffs and the Damages Class to seek a remedy from any party with whom they have privity of contract. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the unlawful benefits they received indirectly from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class with respect to Defendants' sales of generic Ursodiol.

248. It would be futile for Plaintiffs and the Damages Class to seek to exhaust any remedy against the immediate intermediary in the chain of distribution from which they indirectly purchased generic Ursodiol, as the intermediaries are not liable and cannot reasonably be expected to compensate Plaintiffs and the Damages Class for Defendants' unlawful conduct.

249. The economic benefit of overcharges and monopoly profits derived by Defendants through charging supracompetitive and artificially inflated prices for generic Ursodiol is a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful practices.

250. The financial benefits derived by Defendants rightfully belong to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid supracompetitive prices during the Class Period, inuring to the benefit of Defendants.

251. It would be inequitable under unjust enrichment principles under the law of the District of Columbia and the laws of all states and territories of the United States, except Ohio and Indiana, for Defendants to be permitted to retain any of the overcharges for generic Ursodiol derived from Defendants' unlawful, unfair and unconscionable methods, acts, and trade practices alleged in this Complaint.

252. Defendants are aware of and appreciate the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants consciously accepted the benefits and continue to do so as of the date of this filing, as generic Ursodiol prices remain inflated above pre-conspiracy levels.

253. Defendants should be compelled to disgorge in a common fund for the benefit of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class all unlawful or inequitable proceeds they received from their sales of generic Ursodiol.

254. A constructive trust should be imposed upon all unlawful or inequitable sums received by Defendants traceable to indirect purchases of generic Ursodiol by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no adequate remedy at law.

XIV. PRAAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment for the following relief:

- A. The Court determine that this action may be maintained as a class action under Rule 23(a), (b)(2) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and direct that reasonable Notice of this action, as provided by Rule 23(c)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, be given to each and every member of the Class;
- B. That the unlawful conduct, contract, conspiracy, or combination alleged herein be adjudged and decreed: (a) an unreasonable restraint of trade or commerce in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act; (b) a per se violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act; (c) an unlawful combination, trust, agreement, understanding and/or concert of action in violation of the state antitrust and unfair competition and consumer protection laws as set forth herein; and (d) acts of unjust enrichment by Defendants as set forth herein.
- C. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed under such state laws, and that a judgment in favor

of Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class be entered against Defendants jointly and severally in an amount to be trebled to the extent such laws permit;

D. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed by such laws, in the form of restitution and/or disgorgement of profits unlawfully obtained;

E. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class be awarded restitution, including disgorgement of profits Defendants obtained as a result of their acts of unfair competition and acts of unjust enrichment, and the Court establish of a constructive trust consisting of all ill-gotten gains from which Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class may make claims on a pro rata basis;

F. Defendants, their affiliates, successors, transferees, assignees and other officers, directors, partners, agents and employees thereof, and all other persons acting or claiming to act on their behalf or in concert with them, be permanently enjoined and restrained from in any manner continuing, maintaining or renewing the conduct, contract, conspiracy, or combination alleged herein, or from entering into any other contract, conspiracy, or combination having a similar purpose or effect, and from adopting or following any practice, plan, program, or device having a similar purpose or effect;

- G. Plaintiffs and members of the Classes be awarded pre- and post- judgment interest as provided by law, and that such interest be awarded at the highest legal rate;
- H. Plaintiffs and members of the Classes recover their costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as provided by law; and
- I. Plaintiffs and members of the Classes have such other and further relief as the case may require and the Court may deem just and proper.

XV. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury, pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, of all issues so triable.

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